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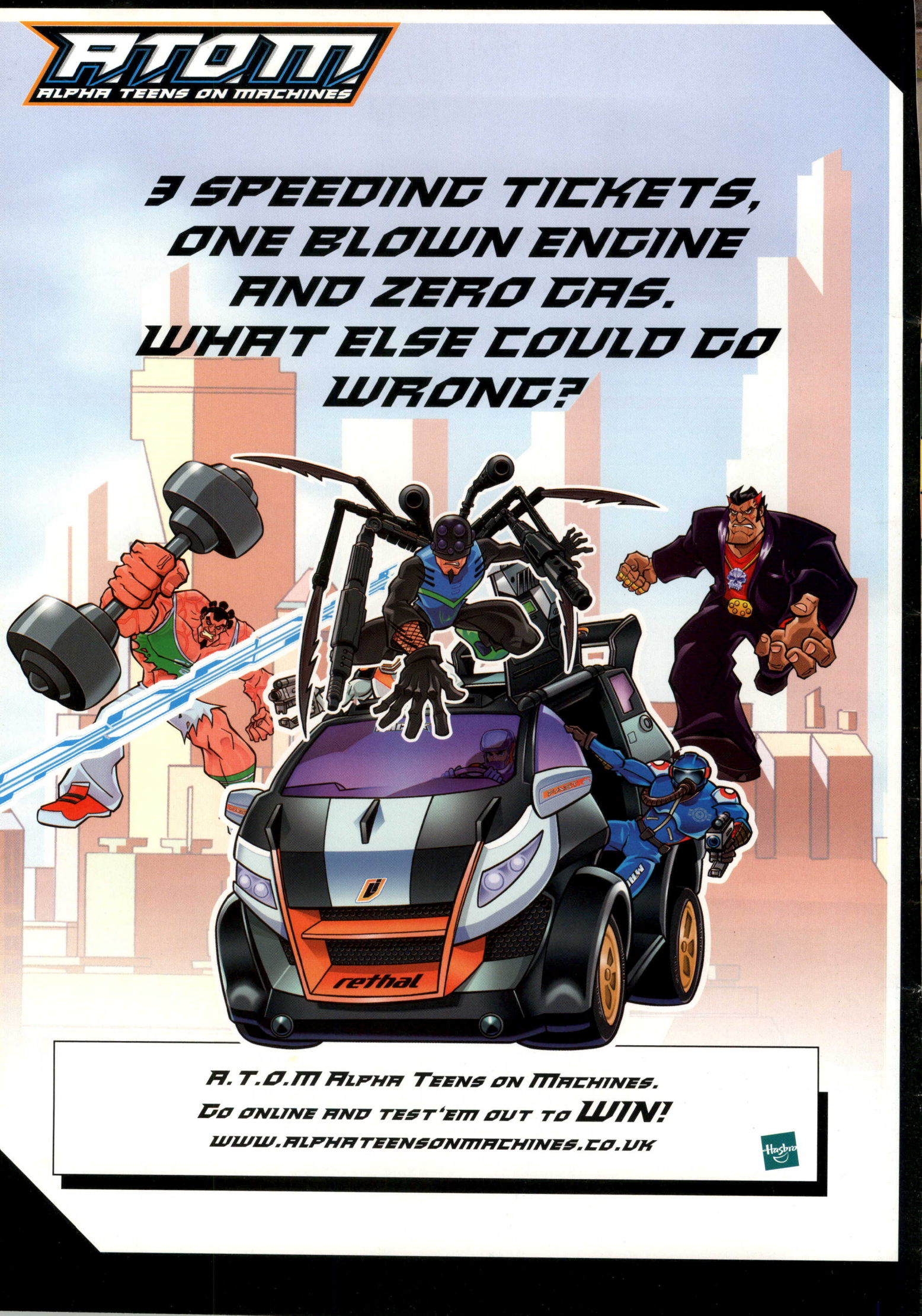
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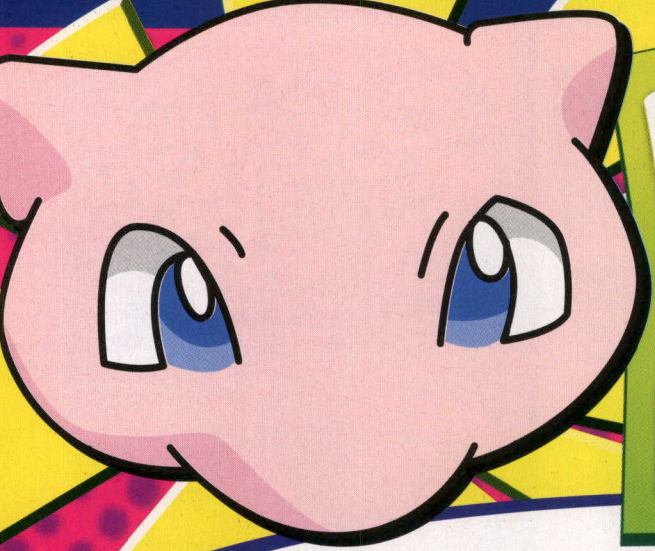
WELCOME POKE-FANS and thank you for buying this special Christmas edition of *Pokémon World*! Of course, with merry old Chrimbo just around the corner we have packed these pages with yuletide pleasure, and we even have a massive feature on all the best toys to stick on your letter to Santa!

We have a full, in-depth look at the latest TCG Expansion, Ex Delta Forces, and have teamed up with esdevium games to offer one lucky reader a chance to win the entire set. Our TCG Guide this month looks at the art of deck building in preparation for all the city championships, and we also have a few decks for you to try. And *Pokémon World* wouldn't be the same without all of our regular features, so we have plenty of posters, puzzles, and of course all your letters and drawings.

Add to that your festive fun pack and we hope that you have everything you need for a fun-filled, Poké-tastic Christmas. Enjoy!

Russ



MEW'S NEWS

It has been an amazing year for *Pokémon* Fans and now, with Christmas just around the corner, we can reveal some amazing new games that will arrive next year!

PIKACHU PUZZLER!

EVEN MORE POKÉMON FEVER HITS THE NINTENDO DS!

THOSE GAMING WIZARDS in Japan have once again been very busy and there are loads of new *Pokémon* games in development. *Pokémon Torouze*, roughly translated as "*Get Pokémon*", is a new puzzler for the Nintendo DS. The game looks very much like a *Pokémon* version of *Puyo Pop* with different characters appearing at the top of the screen for you to stack neatly at the bottom. Once four of a kind are stacked in any direction, the pieces are erased and you can continue piling new monsters. Over 380 different Pokémon are said to be included, and as you erase them they are added to a special *Torouze* Pokédex so you can still catch them all!

The game is extremely fast and, though we were unable to understand the rules, it is looking to be another great *Pokémon* title. It's due for release in Japan very soon, although no US or European release date has been set at this time. Look out for more details here in *Pokémon World*!

WELCOME TO Wi-Fi

NINTENDO DS GOES ONLINE!

AS OF 25 November Nintendo UK will take a massive step forward with a groundbreaking new deal with wireless providers BT Openzone and The Cloud. The launch of the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection service means that anyone with a DS can play against friends and family across the globe – simply, safely and completely free. There are three ways you can connect to the Wi-Fi service so you have no excuse not to join the wireless revolution!

There are 7,500 Wi-Fi hotspots in the UK including locations like McDonalds, Coffee Republic, Hilton and Ramada Jarvis hotels, Road Chef and Welcome Break service stations, First Great Western stations, city centre BT Payphones and student unions – the easiest way to find your nearest hotspot is to log onto www.thecloud.net or www.btopenzone.com. As part of the new deal Nintendo UK will also be installing BT Openzone Wi-Fi hotspots into major games retailers and other key outlets across the UK, meaning it really is going to be possible to game anywhere!

For those of you with a broadband internet connection at home you will be able to enjoy the free, simple and safe Wi-Fi gaming service from the comfort of your own bedroom. All you need is a wireless router, and a broadband connection. If you don't have a wireless access point, you can purchase a Nintendo Wi-Fi USB Connector (for around £30) that plugs directly into a PC and automatically sets up a connection for you. Get online and get gaming!

MYSTERIOUS DUNGEON

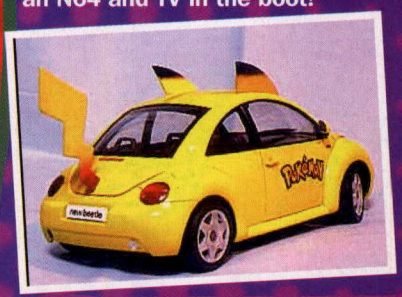
EVEN MORE POKÉ-GAMES!

JUST BEFORE THE release of *Diamond* and *Pearl* in the land of the rising sun, *Pokémon Mysterious Dungeon Red* and *Blue* have appeared on the schedule. Although there were no further details available at the time of going to press it is believed that these games will be special *Pokémon* editions of the famous *Fushigi No Dungeon* RPG series that is renowned for having randomly generated maps. What we *do* know is that there will be two versions of the game in Japan, *Red* for the GBA and *Blue* for the Nintendo DS.

Whether these games will ever appear outside Japan is unknown, but they do look like a lot of fun and the *Fugishi* system would work perfectly with the *Pokémon* world! Look out next issue for more details.

PIKACHU BEETLE

RECENTLY A CRAZY American placed one of the few Pikachu customized Beetles for sale on eBay. With a Buy It Now price of $12,500 one lucky *Pokémon* fan was sure to grab a bargain. These custom cars were produced for the launch of the first *Pokémon* movie and there are only a few of them in the world. The car is a fully working VW Beetle, but has *Pokémon* branding all over it and even has an N64 and TV in the boot!

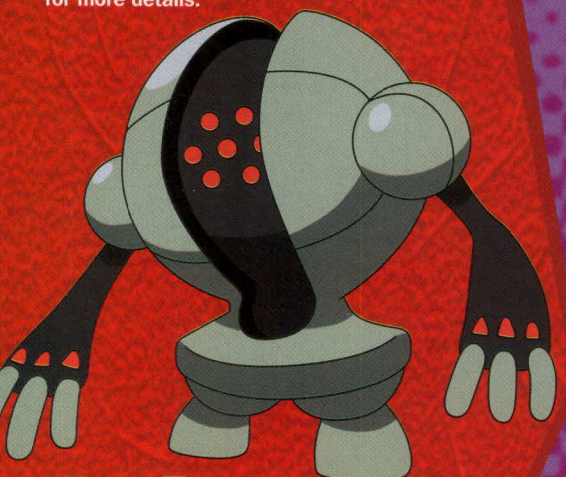


PIKACHU MICRO

THE NEW GBA Micro is sure to be a huge success this Christmas with a choice of four different colours and by far the best screen ever on a Game Boy system. The pocket-sized devices are capable of playing any GBA or Game Boy cartridge and even have a brightness control. Of course, these have been available in Japan for some time now, and visitors to the Pokémon Centre can get their hands on a very special, limited edition Pikachu Micro. These will probably never appear in the UK, so if you want to grab one you will have to take a long flight!

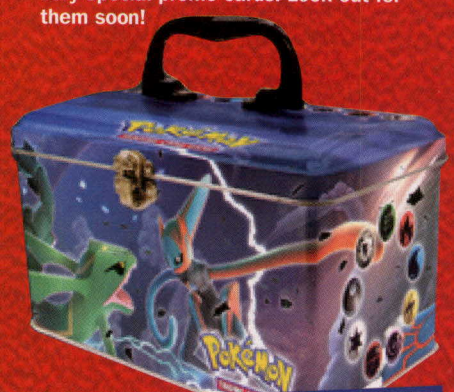
LEGEND MAKER

JUST AS EX Delta Species arrives on the shelves for *Pokémon* TCG players everywhere, we can announce that the next expansion will be called EX Legend Maker. The set is scheduled for release early next year and Pre-release tournaments will be happening on the weekends of 4-5 and 11-12 February. No tournaments have been confirmed at this time, but please check www.theplaceforgames.com for more details.



TOP TINS

If you check your local retailer or TCG stockist you will find some awesome new deck tins. These new tins are very similar to the ones released in Japan, and have space for several decks and a very sturdy carry handle. The tins retail for around £8.99 and come complete with three Booster Packs, a special poster and two very special promo cards. Look out for them soon!



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DECKS

COMMEMORATIVE 2005 CHAMPIONSHIP DECKS ARE ALMOST HERE!

The *Pokémon* World Championship is the biggest tournament of the year with over 400 players from around the world battling for the grand prize. Just like last year, a set of commemorative decks have been produced from the winner decks so you too can learn to play like a champion. Unfortunately these special promo cards are not tournament legal, so you cannot use them when competing, but you can use them to learn from and also build your deck using the same strategies! There are four different decks available and these should be in stores fairly soon at around £7.49 per deck.

The decks included are as follows:

Bright Aura Deck – Curran Hill, Winner Under 10s
Queendom Deck – Jeremy Maron, Winner 15+
Dark Tyranitar – Takashi Yoneda Finalist
King Of The West Deck – Michael Gonzales, Semi Finalist

Each Deck includes the full 60 cards all signed by the player, plus a special booklet featuring a summary of the 2005 World Championship including pictures, deck lists and also a special interview. Look out for these coming very soon!

WIN! WIN! WIN!

POKÉMON XD: GALE OF DARKNESS

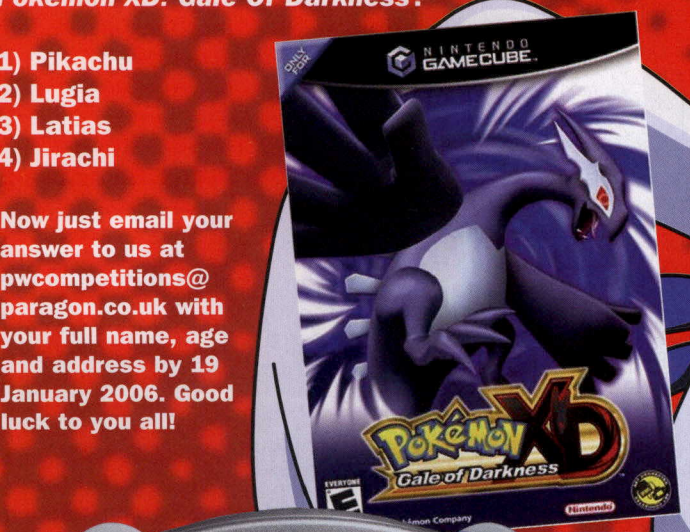
WIN A GAMEVUBE AND COPIES OF POKÉMON XD!

POKÉMON FANS EVERYWHERE have been waiting patiently for the release of *Pokémon XD: Gale Of Darkness*. The latest Pokémon adventure is brilliant fun and just what every fan has been dreaming of! To celebrate the launch of this awesome game we have teamed up with those super friendly people at Nintendo to offer you the chance to win a brand new GameCube as well as a copy of *Pokémon XD: Gale Of Darkness* to play on it! That's not all, however, as four lucky runners up will also receive copies of the game. This is a brilliant competition and all you need to do to have a chance of winning is answer the following easy question:

Q: Which Pokémon appears on the cover of *Pokémon XD: Gale Of Darkness*?

1) Pikachu
2) Lugia
3) Latias
4) Jirachi

Now just email your answer to us at pwcompetitions@paragon.co.uk with your full name, age and address by 19 January 2006. Good luck to you all!



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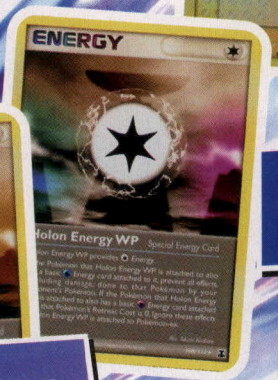
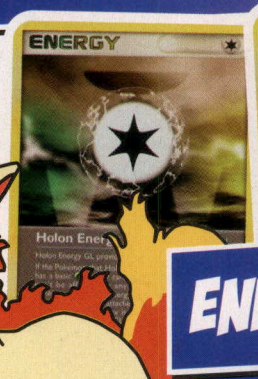
EX DELTA SPECIES

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, ANOTHER NEW TCG EXPANSION HAS HIT THE STORES FEATURING MANY EXCEPTIONAL NEW CARDS THAT WILL RADICALLY CHANGE THE WAY THE GAME IS PLAYED. READ ON TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT IS ON THE CARDS FOR THIS NEW SET...

THEME ME UP

As always, there are two new Theme Decks available: Breakthrough and Steeplechase. Each pack contains a ready-to-play 60-card deck and also includes a rare holo and another very rare card that is only available inside these packs. In the box you will also find a special coin, damage counters, rulebook and a complete card checklist so that you can mark your cards once you have collected them. There are plenty of Energy Cards included and, as always, these are fairly competitive straight from the box. With a few extra Booster Packs you can soon turn these decks into tournament contenders!





ENERGY EXTRA

There are more Darkness and Metal Energy, which are great for powering up those dark- and metal-type Pokémon from previous expansion, along with all the new dual-type Pokémon in this expansion. There are also new Energy Cards designed specifically for this expansion; Holon Energy. There are three different types of Holon Energy: FF (Fire & Fighting), GL (Grass and Electric) and WP (Water and Psychic). Each of these cards has different effects as long as the Pokémon has basic energy attached as well. Look out for these great Energy Cards as they are sure to help when building multi-type decks.

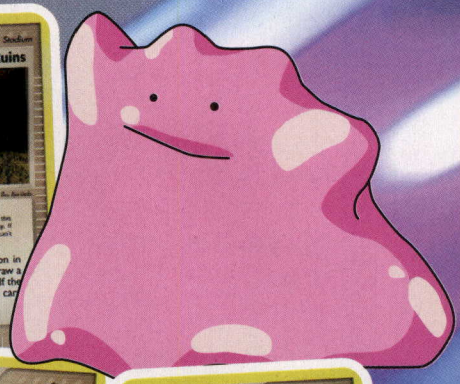
SHINING LEGENDS

Once again there are three ultra-rare shining Pokémon in this expansion: Groudon, Kyogre and Metagross. These special cards are exceptionally powerful, though you may only include one shining Pokémon in your deck. These cards are hard to come by and very difficult to find even on eBay. If you find one be sure to look after it as they can fetch £30-40 each!

TEMPTING TRAINERS

To go with the new Holon Energy and special Holon Pokémon, there are also a number of fantastic new Trainer Cards included in this set. Each Holon Trainer Card requires a discard in order to play them, but they can offer huge bonuses when added to your deck. Holon Lass enables you to count the number of prize cards remaining (both yours and your opponent's), then collect that many cards from the top of your deck and pull out any Energy Cards you find. Holon Farmer enables you to retrieve three Pokémon and three Energy Cards from the discard pile and return them to your deck, and Holon Transceiver enables you to search for a Holon Supporter card from your deck or discard pile. These new Trainers are sure to see a lot of play, particularly if you are basing your deck around Ex Delta Species Pokémon.

TRAINER
Holon Research Tower
Each player's basic Energy cards attached to Pokémon that has δ on its card are both their usual Energy type and ◇ type but provide only 1 Energy at a time. (Has no effect other than providing Energy.)



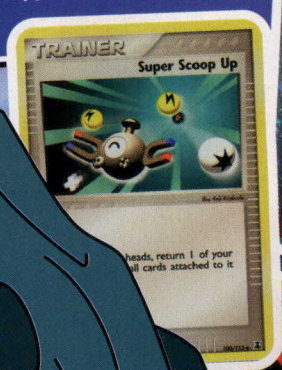
TRAINER
Supporter
Holon Scientist
Discard a card from your hand. If you can't discard a card from your hand, you can't play this card.
If you have less cards in your hand than your opponent, draw cards until you have the same number of cards as your opponent.

POWERFUL POTENTIAL

The new expansion is very special in many ways and, although there are only three Pokémon Ex, there are plenty of powerful Pokémon you can build a deck with. Nearly all the holographic and rare Pokémon in the set are dual-type, being both their normal type and metal. This means that by adding Metal Energy to your deck you can soon power them up, making them very difficult to kill.

Of course, nearly all these Pokémon also have special Poképowers and Pokébodies, making them very interesting. Starmie is able to search for Metal Energy, similar to Dark Electrode searching for Darkness Energy, and Dragonite can enable you to attach Electric Energy from your discard pile to your benched Pokémon once per turn. With the entire Eevee family present these can also be used to create an awesome deck as Flareon, Jolteon, Vaporeon, Umbreon and Espeon can search for Holon Energy from your deck. There are so many awesome Pokémon included here that these are bound to appear in many tournament decks.

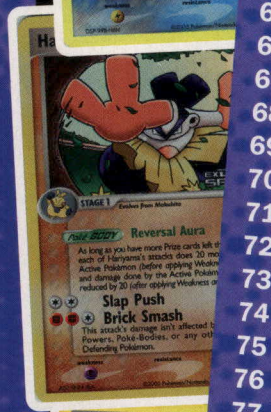
Dragonair
70 HP
Twister
20
Flip 2 coins. If both are tails, this attack does nothing. For each heads, discard an Energy attached to the Defending Pokémon.

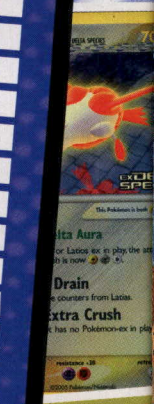


EX DELTA SPECIES

EX UNSEEN FORCES EXPANSION

NO	NAME	RARITY	GOTCHA	REVERSE	HOLO
1	Beedrill	H			
2	Crobat	H			
3	Dragonite	H			
4	Espeon	H			
5	Flareon	H			
6	Gardevoir	H			
7	Jolteon	H			
8	Latias	H			
9	Latios	H			
10	Marowak	H			
11	Metagross	H			
12	Mewtwo	H			
13	Rayquaza	H			
14	Salamence	H			
15	Starmie	H			
16	Tyranitar	H			
17	Umbreon	H			
18	Vaporeon	H			
19	Azumarill	R			
20	Azurill	R			
21	Holon's Electrode	R			
22	Holon's Magneton	R			
23	Hypno	R			
24	Mightyena	R			
25	Porygon 2	R			
26	Rain Castform	R			
27	Sandslash	R			
28	Slowking	R			
29	Snow-cloud Castform	R			
30	Starmie	R			
31	Sunny Castform	R			
32	Swellow	R			
33	Weezing	R			
34	Castform	U			
35	Ditto	U			
36	Ditto (Bulbasaur)	U			
37	Ditto (Charmander)	U			
38	Ditto (Mr Mime)	U			
39	Ditto (Pikachu)	U			
40	Ditto (Squirtle)	U			
41	Dragonair	U			
42	Dragonair	U			
43	Golbat	U			
44	Hariyama	U			
45	Illumise	U			
46	Kakuna	U			
47	Kirlia	U			
48	Magneton	U			
49	Metang	U			
50	Persian	U			
51	Pupitar	U			
52	Rapidash	U			
53	Shelgon	U			
54	Shelgon	U			
55	Skarmory	U			
56	Volbeat	U			
57	Bagon	C			
58	Bagon	C			
59	Beldum	C			
60	Cubone	C			
61	Ditto (Charmander)	C			
62	Ditto (Geodude)	C			
63	Ditto (Pikachu)	C			
64	Ditto (Squirtle)	C			
65	Dratini	C			
66	Dratini	C			
67	Drowzee	C			
68	Eevee	C			
69	Eevee	C			
70	Holon's Magnemite	C			
71	Holon's Voltorb	C			
72	Koffing	C			
73	Larvitar	C			
74	Magnemite	C			
75	Makuhita	C			
76	Marill	C			
77	Meowth	C			
78	Ponyta	C			
79	Poochyena	C			
80	Porygon	C			
81	Ralts	C			
82	Sandshrew	C			
83	Slowpoke	C			
84	Staryu	C			
85	Staryu	C			
86	Taillow	C			
87	Weedle	C			
88	Zubat	C			
89	Dual Ball	U			
90	Great Ball	U			
91	Holon Farmer	U			
92	Holon Lass	U			
93	Holon Mentor	U			
94	Holon Research Tower	U			
95	Holon Researcher	U			
96	Holon Ruins	U			
97	Holon Scientist	U			
98	Holon Transceiver	U			
99	Master Ball	U			
100	Super Scoop Up	U			
101	Potion	C			
102	Switch	C			
103	Darkness Energy	R			
104	Holon Energy FF	R			
105	Holon Energy GL	R			
106	Holon Energy WP	R			
107	Metal Energy	R			
108	Flareon ex	H			
109	Jolteon ex	H			
110	Vaporeon ex	H			
111	Groudon *	*H			
112	Kyogre *	*H			
113	Metagross *	*H			
114	Azumarill	H			





COMPETITION

WIN! WIN! WIN!

TOP EXPANSION PACK COMPO ACTION!

EX Delta Species

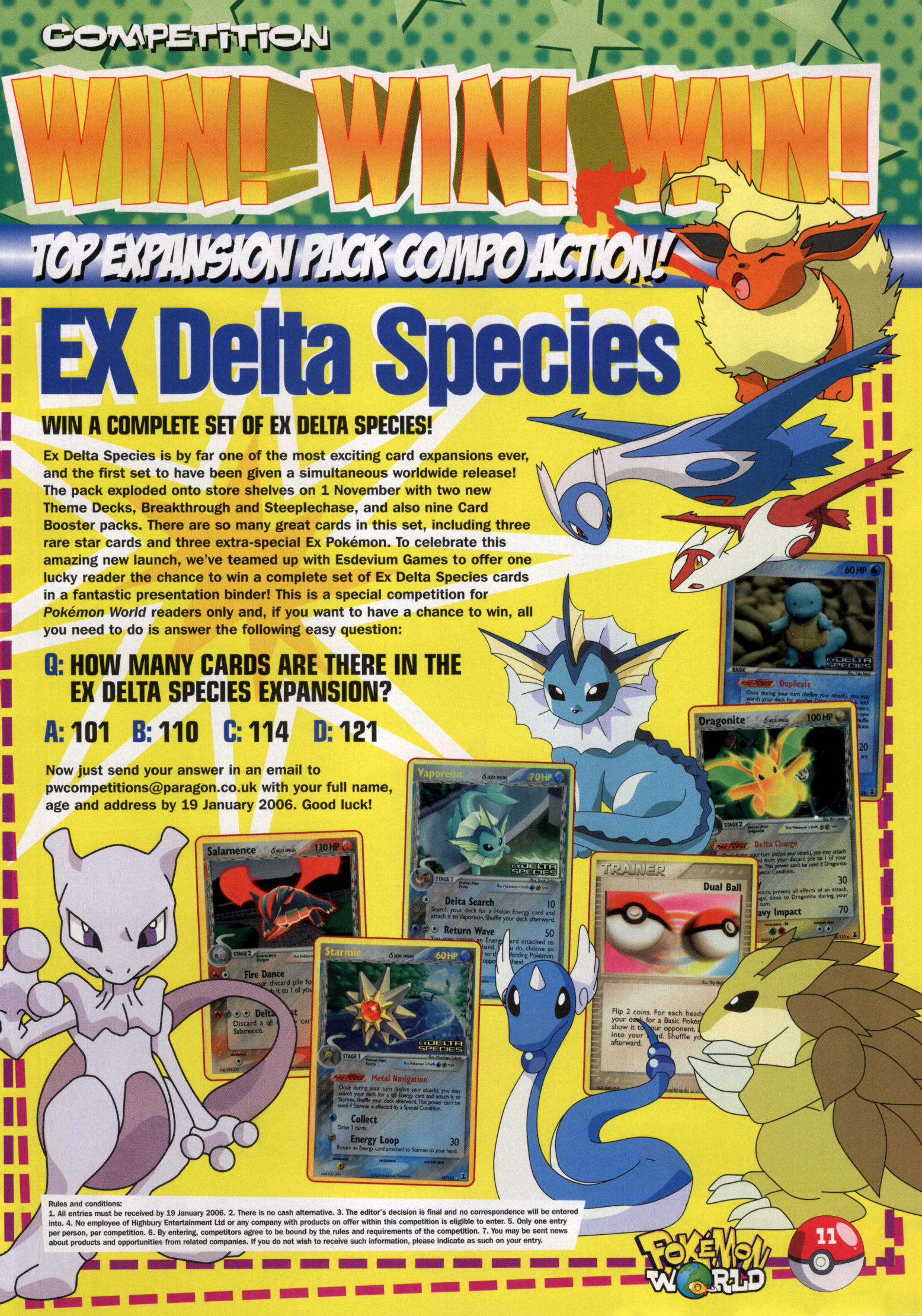
WIN A COMPLETE SET OF EX DELTA SPECIES!

Ex Delta Species is by far one of the most exciting card expansions ever, and the first set to have been given a simultaneous worldwide release! The pack exploded onto store shelves on 1 November with two new Theme Decks, Breakthrough and Steeplechase, and also nine Card Booster packs. There are so many great cards in this set, including three rare star cards and three extra-special Ex Pokémon. To celebrate this amazing new launch, we've teamed up with Esdevium Games to offer one lucky reader the chance to win a complete set of Ex Delta Species cards in a fantastic presentation binder! This is a special competition for *Pokémon World* readers only and, if you want to have a chance to win, all you need to do is answer the following easy question:

Q: HOW MANY CARDS ARE THERE IN THE EX DELTA SPECIES EXPANSION?

A: 101 B: 110 C: 114 D: 121

Now just send your answer in an email to pwcompetitions@paragon.co.uk with your full name, age and address by 19 January 2006. Good luck!



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Christmas Toys

CHRISTMAS IS ON ITS WAY AND IT'S A TIME OF JOY, HAPPINESS, FAMILIES COMING TOGETHER AND, OF COURSE, LOTS OF PRESENTS. IT'S WHAT JESUS WOULD HAVE WANTED. HERE'S A LIST TO ALL THE IDEAL PRESENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS YULETIDE...

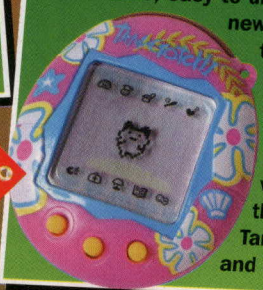
Power Rangers Talking Dino Thunder Figures

£5

The Power Rangers are back! Some 12 years after high-kicking their way onto the toy scene, they've returned with a vengeance thanks to these fantastic talking figures! Each toy speaks a unique phrase ("Let's go, Rangers!") and, if you collect all six, you can use their weapons to create the Phantom Power Ranger. All six colours are available, so whether you're after red or blue or any other member of the gang, you'll find them here!

Tamagotchi Connexion

Don't think this is the original Tamagotchi all over again because, while they've relaunched, there's now a twist; with Tamagotchi Connexion, you can connect to fellow owners and interact with their Tamagotchi as well! This means that your Tamagotchi can play with other Tamagotchi and exchange gifts, to give two examples. If the friendship goes really well, you can even have Tamababies! It all works by infra-red so it's safe, easy to understand and lots of fun with new colours being released every three months to keep trendy Tamagotchi owners on their toes. As with the previous Tamagotchi, it essentially works as a virtual pet so you will have to feed, care for and then play with your Tamagotchi and watch it grow and evolve over time.



£13

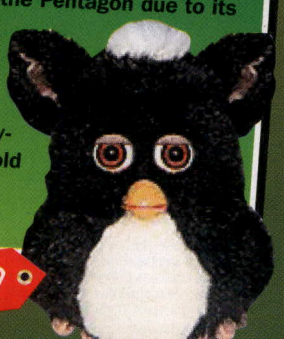
Kick-O-Mania

Kick-O-Mania is the brand new football craze that's already made big waves in Germany and is sure to do just as well over here! You can buy action figures of Manchester United players Wayne Rooney, Ryan Giggs or Cristiano Ronaldo for £19.99 each and watch them kick the ball around by pulling back on the player's leg then pressing the button in their back. What this means is Kick-O-Mania should become a bigger, better version of tabletop football classic Subbuteo. You can even buy international stars such as Michael Ballack, Pavel Nedved and Oliver Kahn. You can then buy a goal and goalkeeper for £15 and watch the stars of Manchester United strut their stuff on your very own pitch. With more Premiership teams set to sign up in 2006, get in on the craze now!

£19.99

Furby

Furby has sold millions of toys to date and shows no sign of letting up, with the talking toy set to be incredibly popular once again this Christmas. This latest version of Furby is twice the size of the original and given its increased girth is now more talkative than ever! The original Furby was famous for being able to 'learn' via touch and listening, and yet again you'll find that Furby can pick up words that you speak to it before repeating them back. Famously banned from the Pentagon due to its ability to learn, Furby has a flexible beak, movable ears, expressive eyes and touch sensors. Will Furby-diction take hold again this Christmas?



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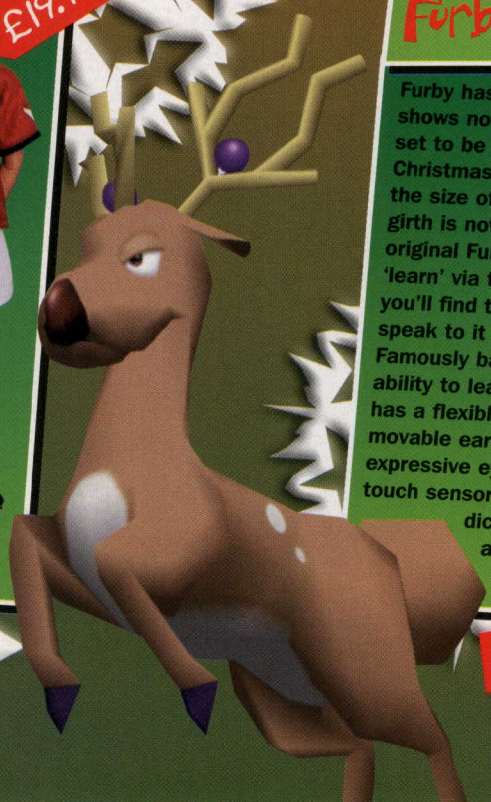

Steam Along Thomas

It's Thomas The Tank Engine's 60th birthday and he's going to celebrate in style! This train set is as close to a miniature steam train as you'll ever see, with real steam chugging away as Thomas powers around the toy track. Thanks to the wizardry of modern technology, the steam is perfectly safe, too, so there's no danger of small children being hurt or scalded by this toy. Thomas himself has undergone a makeover, with a new shiny metallic coat and brilliant sound effects really bringing this classic character to life. You don't have to be a lifelong fan to get enjoyment out of this toy, but we're sure some parents will enjoy seeing his familiar face back in action!

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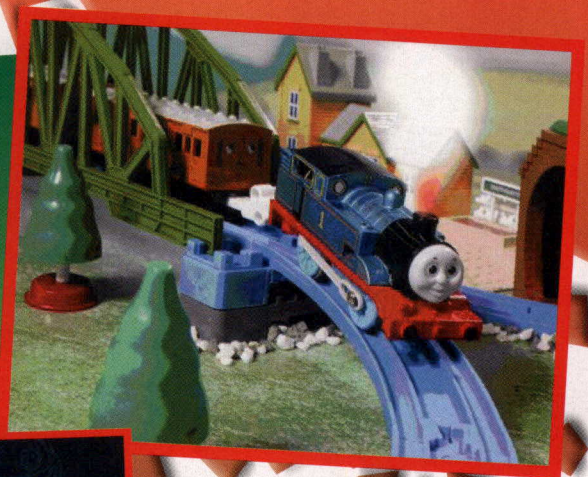

Robosapien 2

The original Robosapian toy was a smash success, so it's no surprise to see this new version hit the shelves. Robosapian 2 is designed by a former NASA scientist, so what you're getting is a 24-inch tall toy that belongs to the future! With updated commands and manoeuvres, Robosapian 2 still has human-like movements and can respond to both shouted orders and controller commands, as well as reacting to sound around him. Your robot chum will be able to pick up objects and then throw them, dance and he even rap his way into any owner's heart. You can even programme your own sequences for your robot buddy to perform. Throw in fingers that move individually and a turning head complete with animated LED eyes and you have everything you could possibly want from a robot toy!

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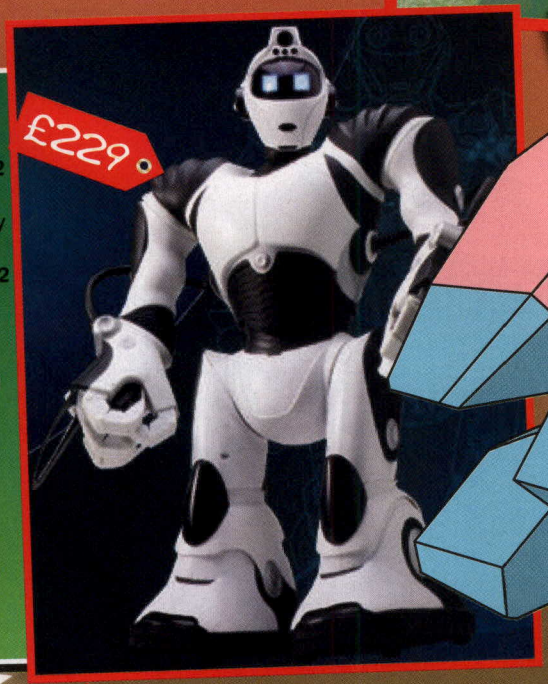

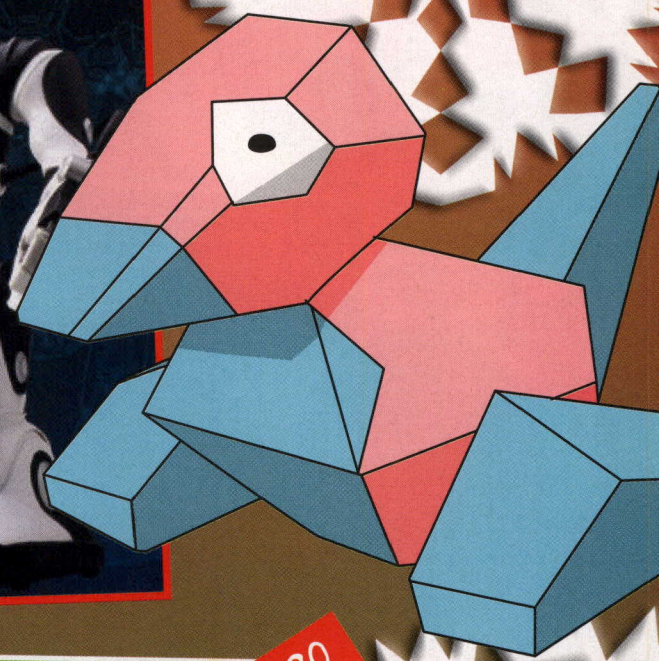

Darth Vader Voice Changing Mask

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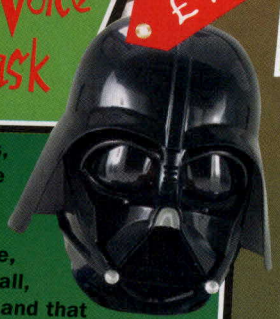


"I... am your father!" Yes, Darth Vader is one of the most famous screen villains of all time, thanks to his flowing cape, black outfit and, most of all, that ominous iron helmet and that unmistakable voice. Well now every little Padawan's Christmas dream can come true, because you can use this mask to look and sound just like the dark lord of the Sith himself! This mask has voice-changing technology that lets you replicate the famous phrases from the films, as well as making up your own. It even recreates the trademark heavy breathing without you needing to fall into a volcano to get it! This is definitely one for all fans of the notorious villain from the classic *Star Wars* series, and it's great fun for film fans all ages – not just kids!

Amazing Amanda

£80

Amazing Amanda is the latest doll to tickle the Christmas market and it's by far the most advanced, lifelike doll yet. As you might expect, Amazing Amanda shows a huge range of emotions, from laughing to crying. Even better than that, Amazing Amanda 'recognises' her mother's voice and shows how she feels in facial expressions. This doll even knows when she is getting fed or having her hair brushed. As if that wasn't enough, Amazing Amanda can also play games, sing songs and respond to questions. And she even comes complete with interactive feeding, hair and potty accessories, with a separate co-ordinating outfit also included! It's hard to see how dolls are going to come any closer to replicating a real baby!

Meccano Magnetic World

A brilliant new variation on Meccano, this Magnetic World range does exactly as the title suggests – you can now use magnets to create even bigger and better inventions! The set ranges from items such as Farmer & Cow right the way through to Bulldozer & Driver, giving any Meccano fan plenty to think about as they dream up new and crazy ways of putting this latest range of toys through the works!

Prices Vary

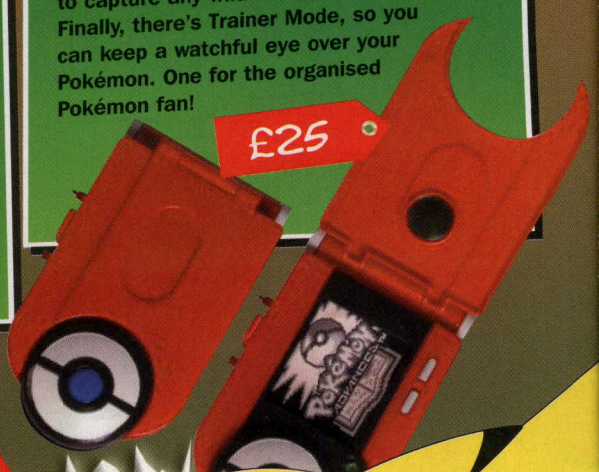
Cyber Pokéball

The Cyber Pokéball is the latest addition to the Pokémon range, allowing you to find and battle up to 100 Pokémon. You can then use your Pokéball to further train and prepare your Pokémon. As if that wasn't enough entertainment in itself, you can connect with a friend's Pokéball to do battle with the Pokémon that he's successfully caught! You can also insert data cards that come free with 10cm Double Action Pokémon figures, which are sold separately, to add further attack modes to this brilliant device. All in all, this is one toy that all Pokémon fans simply must have in their collection. Get a group of Cyber Pokéball fans together and prepare for endless hours of fun!

£15

Interactive Pokédex

Most Pokéfans will spend hours poring over Pokédex, so this is the perfect gift for them. The Interactive Pokédex is the smart way of keeping your Pokémon organised, with plenty of cool functions to keep even the most ardent Pokémon fan beavering away for hours. The Search Mode will help you find all 200 Pokémon while Camera Mode allows you to capture any wild Pokémon you find. Finally, there's Trainer Mode, so you can keep a watchful eye over your Pokémon. One for the organised Pokémon fan!



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Pokéball with curling figure

Another great toy for all Pokéfans out there, this Pokéball with Curling Figure is a brilliant device guaranteed to give anyone hours of fun. Inside the replica Pokéball is a miniature Pokémon, ready to do battle. Simply point it at your opponent's Pokéball, aim and fire! Watch as the Pokémon whizzes along the floor at top speed to do battle. Each Pokéball comes with one figure, six counters and an Energy Point counter. Also included is an adaptor that allows you to use more Pokémon, sold separately. A must for any Pokémon fan who wants to do battle in brilliant new and inventive ways!

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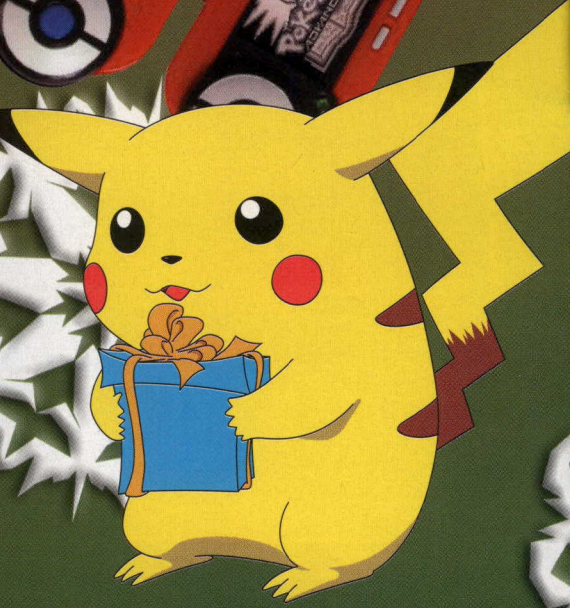

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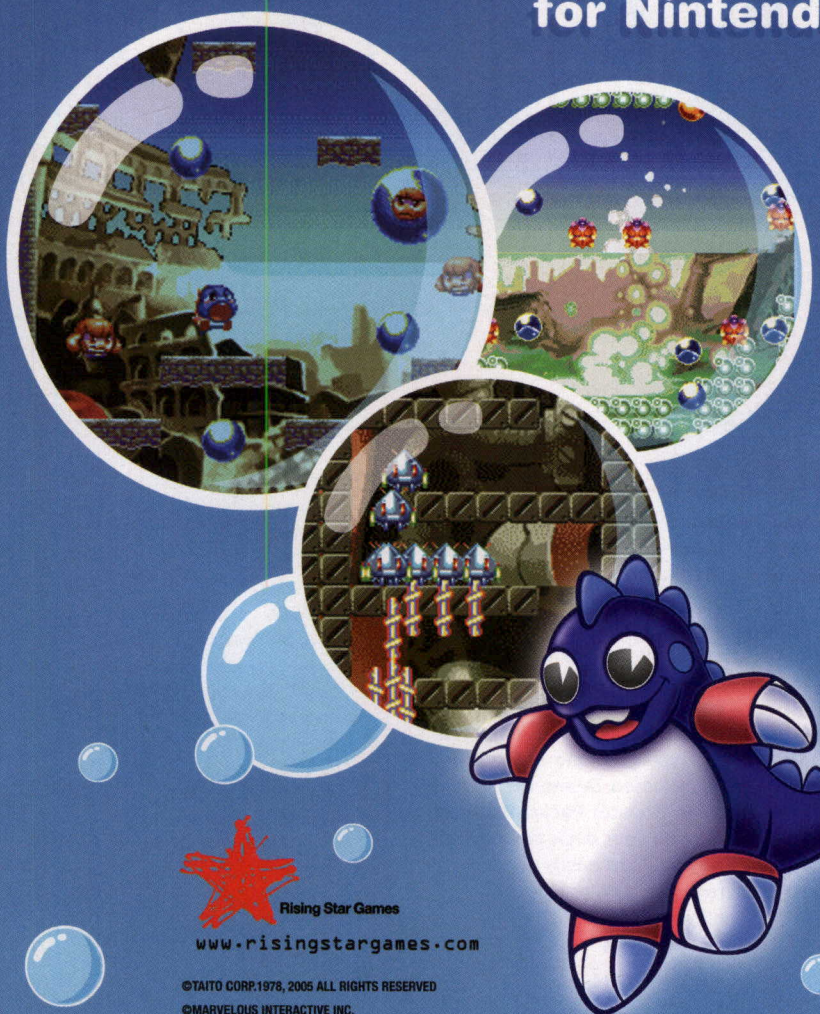

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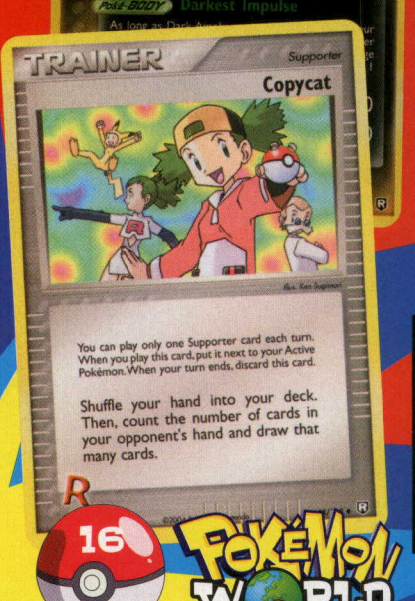
Yanma
70 HP
BASIC
Quick Charge
Search your deck for up to 4 different types of basic Energy cards, show them to your opponent, and put them into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward.
Swift
Kingdra
120 HP
STAGE 2
Poké-BODY
Dragon Veil
As long as Kingdra is in play, each of your Active Pokémon has no Weakness.
Hyper Whirlpool 20
Flip a coin until you get tails. For each heads, discard an Energy card attached to the Defending Pokémon.
Aqua Sonic 50
This attack's damage is not affected by Resistance.
Dark Dragonair
70 HP
STAGE 1
Poké-POWER
Evolutionary Light
Once during your turn (before your attack), if Dark Dragonair is your Active Pokémon, you may search your deck for an Evolution card. Show it to your opponent and put it into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward. This power can't be used if Dark Dragonair is affected by a Special Condition.
Dragon Rage 30

DECK BUILDING

If you're planning on entering tournaments then you need to be able to build a decent deck. Luckily, our experts are on hand to offer their advice for getting started – and even a few deck lists you can try!


TRAINER
Supporter
Copycat
You can play only one Supporter card each turn. When you play this card, put it next to your Active Pokémon. When your turn ends, discard this card.
Shuffle your hand into your deck. Then, count the number of cards in your opponent's hand and draw that many cards.

THINK MODIFIED FORMAT

THE MODIFIED FORMAT is the most played format in the UK and generally in the US, too. It is the format most likely to get support from Nintendo in terms of prizes and poké-goodies. We at *Pokémon World* recommend that, when you buy any boosters or singles, make sure that you buy your cards to fit with the current Modified Format expansions from Hidden Legends onwards.

We covered the new Modified Format in detail last issue so be sure to look at your back issues before you start deck building to make sure you know what's in and what's out. It often helps to take a good hard look at your collection and just what you have to hand.

If you've just started collecting and playing the *Pokémon* TCG we recommend that you grab one of the pre-constructed Theme Decks and a few Booster Packs as a base to build your deck around. This way you can easily get a fairly solid deck to start playing with.

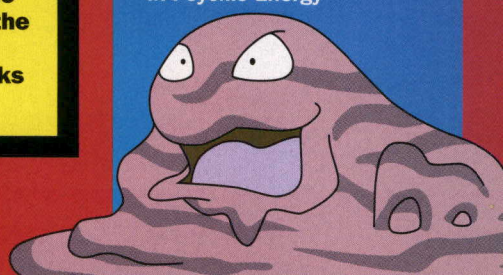
Be sure to check out the two Team Rocket Returns pre-constructed Theme Decks. Both are still playable in Modified Format and they both contain probably the best play-them-straight-from-the-box decks that Nintendo has produced. Just add a few Booster Packs and you're well on your way to a decent deck!

EX TEAM ROCKET RETURNS – JESSE THEME DECK

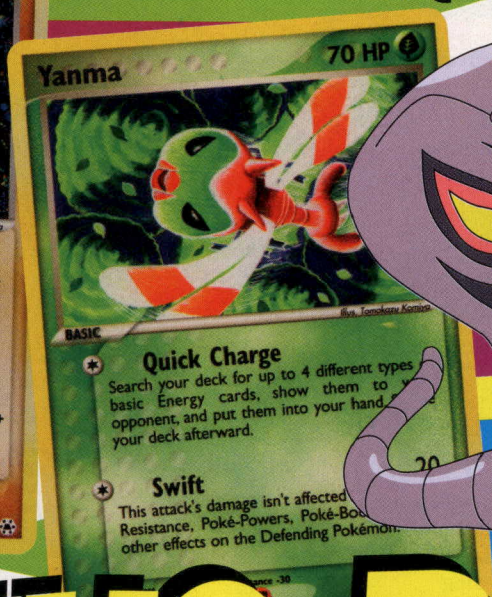
POKÉMON (26)
4x Larvitar (#62)
2x Dark Pupitar (#40)
1x Dark Tyranitar (#20 – holo version)
3x Ekans
1x Dark Arbok
4x Cubone
2x Dark Marowak
3x Hoppip
1x Skiploom
2x Sentret
2x Grimer
1x Rocket's Wobbuffet

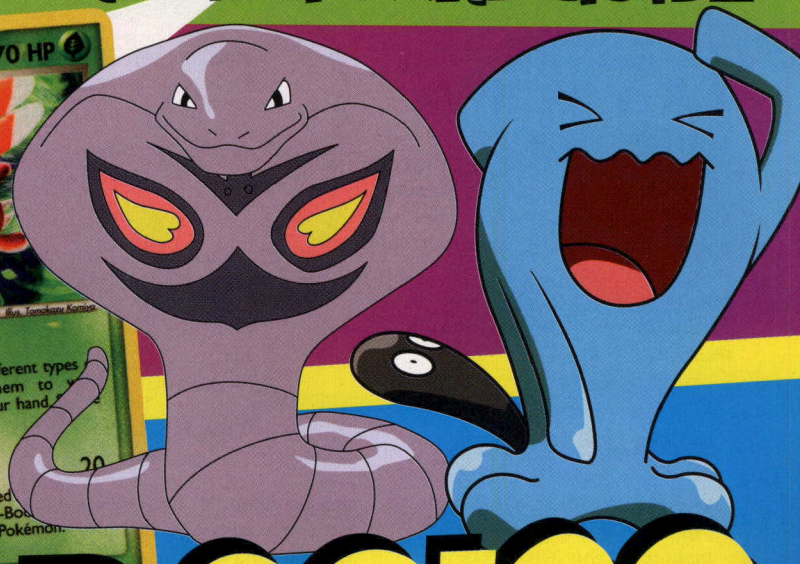
TRAINERS (10)
2x Rocket's Mission
2x Pokémon Retriever
2x Energy Search
2x Potion
2x Lady Outing

ENERGY (24)
16x Fighting Energy
4x Grass Energy
4x Psychic Energy



Machamp
120 HP
STAGE 2
Evolves from Machoke
Poké-BODY
Overzealous
If your opponent has any Pokémon-ex in play, each of Machamp's attacks do 30 more damage to the Defending Pokémon.
Brick Smash
40
This attack's damage isn't affected by Weakness, Resistance, Poké-Powers, Poké-Bodies, or any other effects on the Defending Pokémon.
Cross Chop
60+
Flip a coin. If heads, this attack does 60 damage plus 30 more damage.
weakness
resistance
retreat cost


Yanma
70 HP
BASIC
Quick Charge
Search your deck for up to 4 different types basic Energy cards, show them to your opponent, and put them into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward.
Swift
This attack's damage isn't affected by Weakness, Resistance, Poké-Powers, Poké-Bodies, or other effects on the Defending Pokémon.



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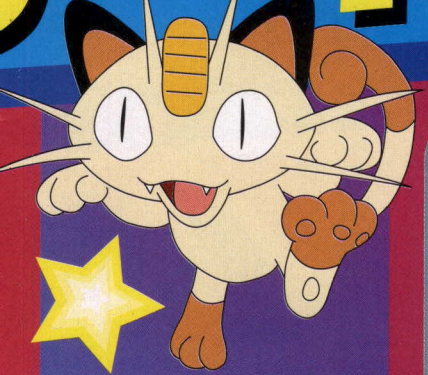
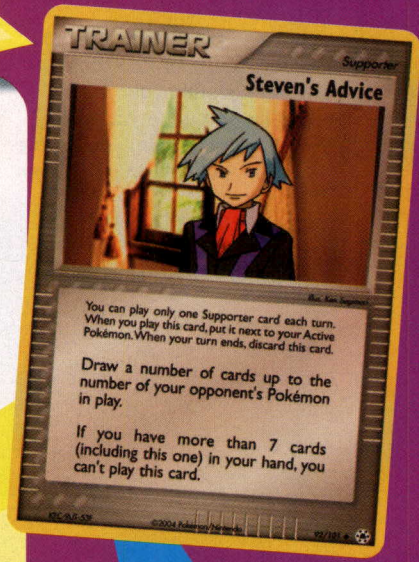


BASIC STRATEGY/THEME

EVERY DECK REQUIRES focus and it's vital that you choose the right Pokémon to build your deck around. You could choose to build a deck around a powerful EX Pokémon with Powerful Attacks or you may want to concentrate on building around a Pokémon's PokéPower or PokéBody. Feraligator EX, Medicham EX or Blastoise EX all have awesome PokéPowers that can help disrupt your opponent.

The other strategy you could follow is to base your deck around a combination of mutually supportive cards that have a real synergy; that is they work well together and complement each other as in Dark Dragonite/Dragtrode Decks. Whatever you decide to play you must remember that you can only have four copies of a card in your deck and, in order to ensure you can get at them, it is always advisable to run at least three of each.

Careful choice of Pokémon can be the difference between a normal deck and a potential tournament winner. Look carefully at your cards and read their effects and try to find a formula that can compliment the main strategy of the deck.

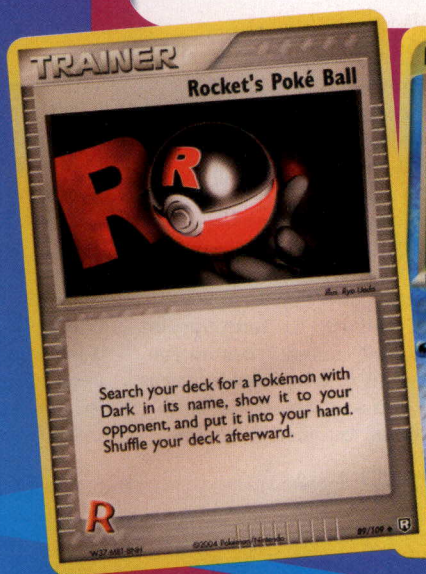

TRAINER
Supporter
Steven's Advice
You can play only one Supporter card each turn. When you play this card, put it next to your Active Pokémon. When your turn ends, discard this card.
Draw a number of cards up to the number of your opponent's Pokémon in play.
If you have more than 7 cards (including this one) in your hand, you can't play this card.

EX TEAM ROCKET RETURNS – JAMES THEME DECK

POKÉMON (26)
- 4x Dratini (#52)
- 2x Dark Dragonair (#31)
- 1x Dark Dragonite (#15 – holo version)
- 3x Koffing
- 1x Dark Weezing
- 3x Magnemite
- 1x Dark Magneton
- 3x Marill
- 1x Azumarill
- 3x Wooper
- 1x Quagsire
- 2x Rattata
- 1x Rocket's Meowth

TRAINERS (10)
- 2x Rocket's Mission
- 2x Rocket's Poké Ball
- 2x Pokemon Retriever
- 2x Energy Search
- 2x Potion

ENERGY (24)
- 13x Water Energy
- 7x Lightning Energy
- 4x Grass Energy


TRAINER
Rocket's Poké Ball
Search your deck for a Pokémon with Dark in its name, show it to your opponent, and put it into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward.
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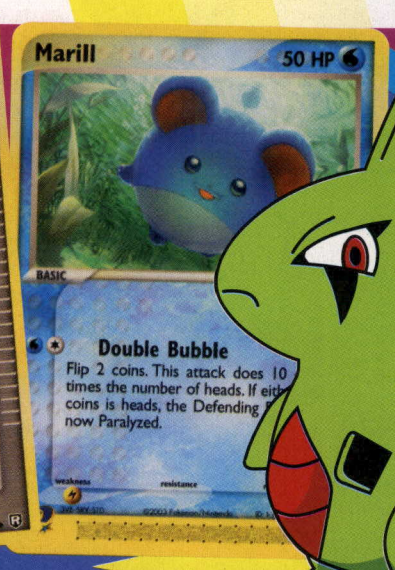
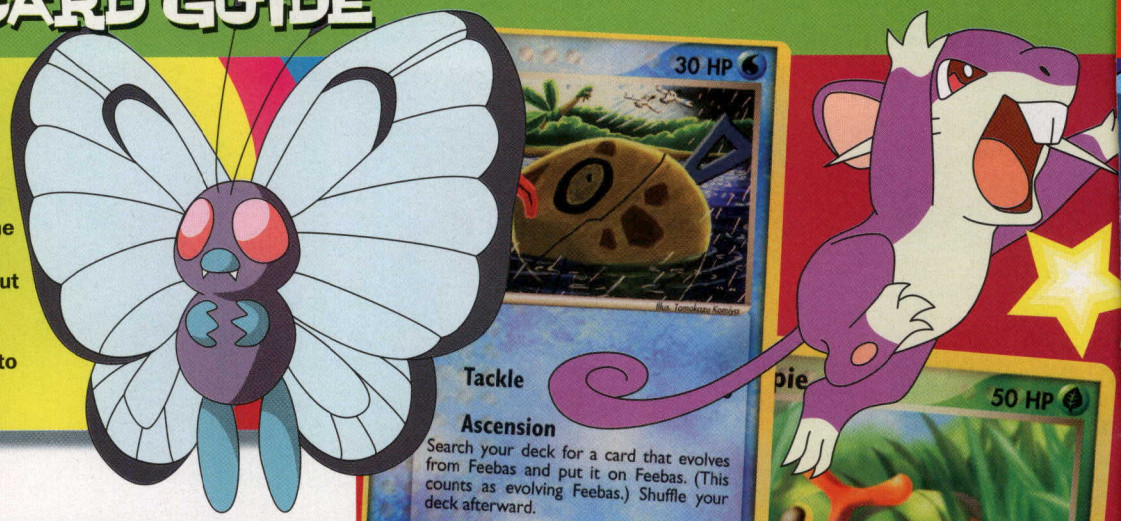

Marill
50 HP
BASIC
Double Bubble
Flip 2 coins. This attack does 10 times the number of heads. If either coins is heads, the Defending now Paralyzed.
weakness
resistance

Charizard
120 HP
STAGE 2
Evolves from Charmeleon
Collect Fire
30
Flip a coin. If heads, search your discard pile for 2 Energy cards and attach them to Charizard (1 if there is only 1).
Flame Pillar
60
You may discard a Energy card attached to Charizard. If you do, choose 1 of your opponent's Benched Pokémon and do 30 damage to that Pokémon. (Don't apply Weakness and Resistance for Benched Pokémon.)
resistance
retreat cost

EX Pokémon

Just a quick word on EX Pokémon: they're big, they're bad and they can easily win you a game, but equally the loss of two prizes at a time can be crucial. Make sure you can win without them, too; if your deck is all Ex Pokémon the first Safeguard PokéBody you come across is going to really hurt you!


30 HP
Tackle
Ascension
Search your deck for a card that evolves from Feebas and put it on Feebas. (This counts as evolving Feebas.) Shuffle your deck afterward.
weakness
resistance
retreat cost
50 HP
BASIC
Signs of Evolution
Search your deck for a Metapod and a Butterfree card, show them to your opponent, and put them into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward.
String Shot
10
Flip a coin. If heads, the Defending Pokémon is now Paralyzed.

POKÉMON

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR Pokemon it is vital that you include all the evolutions to ensure that you can get your main attacker into play. We recommend you should have 10-12 basic Pokémon in every deck to give you a good chance of drawing one in your opening hand, but as always there are a few exceptions to this rule.

Also, having multiple copies of cards will help you to maintain deck balance as you can find yourself in a tricky situation should your main attacker end up in your prize pile. If, for example, you decide you want to build a deck based around Sceptile, then you would have to ensure you include Treecko and of course Grovyle.

However, when putting together your deck you may also want to look at some of the Trainer Cards. Rare Candy is an obvious choice when playing stage two Pokémon and if you have included Rare candies you will not require as many copies of the stage one evolution as this awesome Trainer allows you to skip this evolution. By removing these cards you can then speed up the deck and also remove dead cards for something that may be more useful.

Moltres ex
BASIC
Poké-POWER
Legendary Ascent
Once during your turn, when you put Moltres ex from your hand onto your Bench, you may switch 1 of your Active Pokémon with Moltres ex. If you do, you may also move any number of basic Energy cards attached to your Pokémon to Moltres ex.
Crushing Flames

Articuno ex
110 HP
BASIC
When Pokémon-ex has been Knocked Out your opponent takes 2 Prize cards.
Poké-POWER
Legendary Ascent
Once during your turn, when you put Articuno ex from your hand onto your Bench, you may switch 1 of your Active Pokémon with Articuno ex. If you do, you may also move any number of basic Energy cards attached to your Pokémon to Articuno ex.
50

Nidoking
STAGE 2
Evolves from Nidorino
Poké-BODY
Power Gene
As long as Nidoking is in play, your attacks by Nidoran ♀, Nidorina, Nidoqueen, Nidoran ♂, and Nidorino do 10 more damage to the Defending Pokémon.
Earth Poison
40
If the Defending Pokémon already has any damage counters on it, the Defending Pokémon is now Poisoned.

ENERGY

Sometimes the choice of Energy types is easy; with our Blastoise EX deck the main energy requirements are for Water Energy, as the power enables you to abuse this one energy type, but for others you may want to consider using two or more Energy types in your deck. And with Ex Delta Species mixing the energy types up you may want to think how to power that Fire and Metal type Delta MewTwo! You need to ensure you include plenty of Energy Cards in your deck so you can power up your Pokémon to attack, but you also need to maintain a good balance between Pokémon Cards, Energy Cards and the very important Trainer Cards. We recommend you use at least 15 Energy Cards in your deck and a maximum of 18, although on occasions you may want to run less energy in favour of a few extra Trainer Cards.

TRAINER ENGINE

It is important to recognise that the Trainers you decide to put in your deck will make or break it, and that they need to fit with the Theme/Strategy for the deck – remember, we're looking for that synergy again. So decks using Electrode EX and its Extra Energy Bomb PokéPower would use what are called Dump-And-Draw Cards like TV Reporter and Rocket's Mission as you want to get as much energy into the discard pile as possible before blowing Electrode EX up. Now add Scramble Energy to the mix and you can see how Trainers, Pokémon and Energy cards can all work together to achieve your deck Theme/Strategy.

When you blow up Electrode EX your opponent gains two prizes and you would think that leaves you at a disadvantage, but Scramble Energy now provides you with three of any type of Energy and you get to attach up to five Energy Cards in your discard pile, too. Now you can use other trainer cards like Rocket's Admin and POW Hand Extension to manipulate your opponent's Pokémon on the field and also the amount of cards in their hand. When combined with cards like Rayquaza and Exeggutor this can enable you to move your opponent's big-hitting Pokémon into the active spot where you can kill it off, putting yourself back in a strong position.

In the case of our Blastoise EX deck, we are using Master Ball to search the top seven cards of our deck for a Basic or Evolution Card together with Professor Elm's Training Method as a means to find both basic and evolved Pokémon in our deck. But because we are also playing Holon's Electrode – a stage one evolution card that can act as a double rainbow energy instead of an evolved Pokémon – we can use these trainers to fetch that, too.

Effectively we can now hunt out either Double Rainbow Energy in the form of Holon's Electrode or we can find that elusive evolution we need. Add Holon Lass to the deck, allowing us to look at up to 12 cards from the top of our deck, and collect any energy and you can start to see how the Trainers are supporting Blastoise Ex's PokéPower by allowing us to draw the cards we want, Energy or Pokémon, when we want them.

Your Trainer engine should be about getting your deck to do what it is designed to do as quickly as possible. The ability to draw extra cards, search for Pokémon and find the energy to power them up are all important and a good mix of Trainer Cards will enable you to do that. Don't worry if you get it wrong first time, just keep testing and tweaking your deck until you get it right.

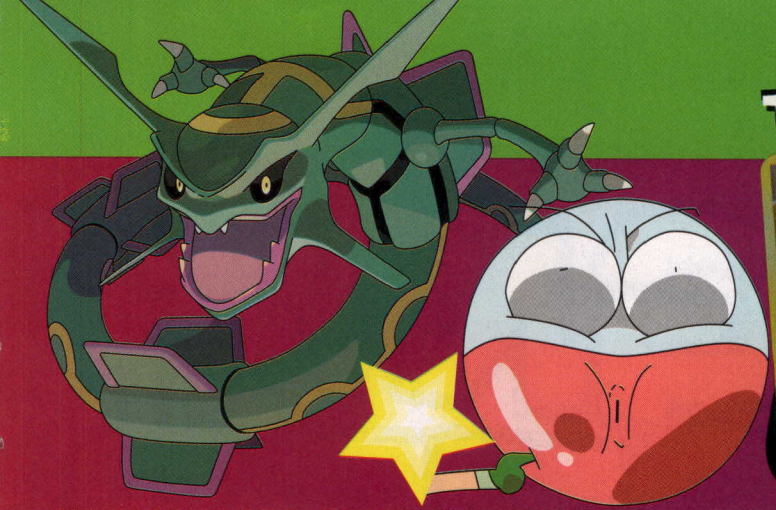
PLAY TESTING

YOU HAD THE idea for a theme or strategy, you've built your deck and now you're about to unleash it on an unsuspecting world. But before you rush off to the nearest tournament, where you will probably get beaten, stop; does you deck do what it is supposed to do? Do you know how it plays? What happens when you play a deck that you are weak to, or a deck that is against your strategy?

To answer those questions you need to play test, play test and play test some more – you only truly get to know your deck when you start playing with it. When you find the flaws in your deck make only small changes, one at a time, and make sure you keep a record of the deck as it was. There is nothing more frustrating than changing your deck for play testing and then finding out that the changes don't work – and that you have forgotten what was in the deck in the first place!

DON'T GIVE UP

IF AT FIRST your deck doesn't work, don't give up – keep trying and tweaking and don't be afraid to leave a deck for a while and come back to it later. Our Blastoise EX deck here has been a long time coming – it is still, we're sure, not perfect, but it is better now than it has been since the Modified Format changed. And remember what we said before: keep notes on all your decks. Themes and Strategies return, and if you have some old decks to use as a guide to new ones you'll be ahead of the game. Also do not be afraid to ask your league organiser for help if you are lost for ideas on how to make your deck better, or just send them to us for our team of experts to analyse.



ZRE DECK (ZAPDOS, RAYQUAZA, ELECTRODE)

THIS DECK IS one of the best in the format right now and can be extremely tough to beat if it is played well. The basic strategy is fairly simple as you use Voltorb to pull additional electric energy from the deck and then drop Zapdos on turn two and hope for the kill. If this fails you can start to drop energy into the discard pile ready for the big explosion. By exploding Electrode you gift your opponent two prizes, but can then use cards like POW and Rocket's Admin to instantly turn the game in your favour. The energy is returned to the field attached to a basic and can then be used to power up Rayquaza EX ready for battle. Simply switch to get Rayquaza into play and you can be attacking for massive damage, hopefully knocking out your opponent's main threat.

POKÉMON
2 x Zapdos EX (FRLG)
1 x Moltres EX (FRLG)
2 x Rayquaza EX (DX)
4 x Voltorb (HL)
2 x Electrode EX (FRLG)
3 x Magmar (TRR)
2 x Slugma (DX)
2 x Magcargo (DX)
2 x Aipom (UF)

TRAINERS
4 x Masterball (DX/DS)
4 x POW Hand Extension (TRR)
4 x Rockets Admin (TRR)
3 x Mary's Request (UF)
2 x Dual Ball (MA/DS)
2 x Lanette's Net Search (SS/EM)
2 x Elms Training Method (UF)
2 x Switch (FRLG/DS)

ENERGY
6 x Fire Energy
9 x Electric Energy

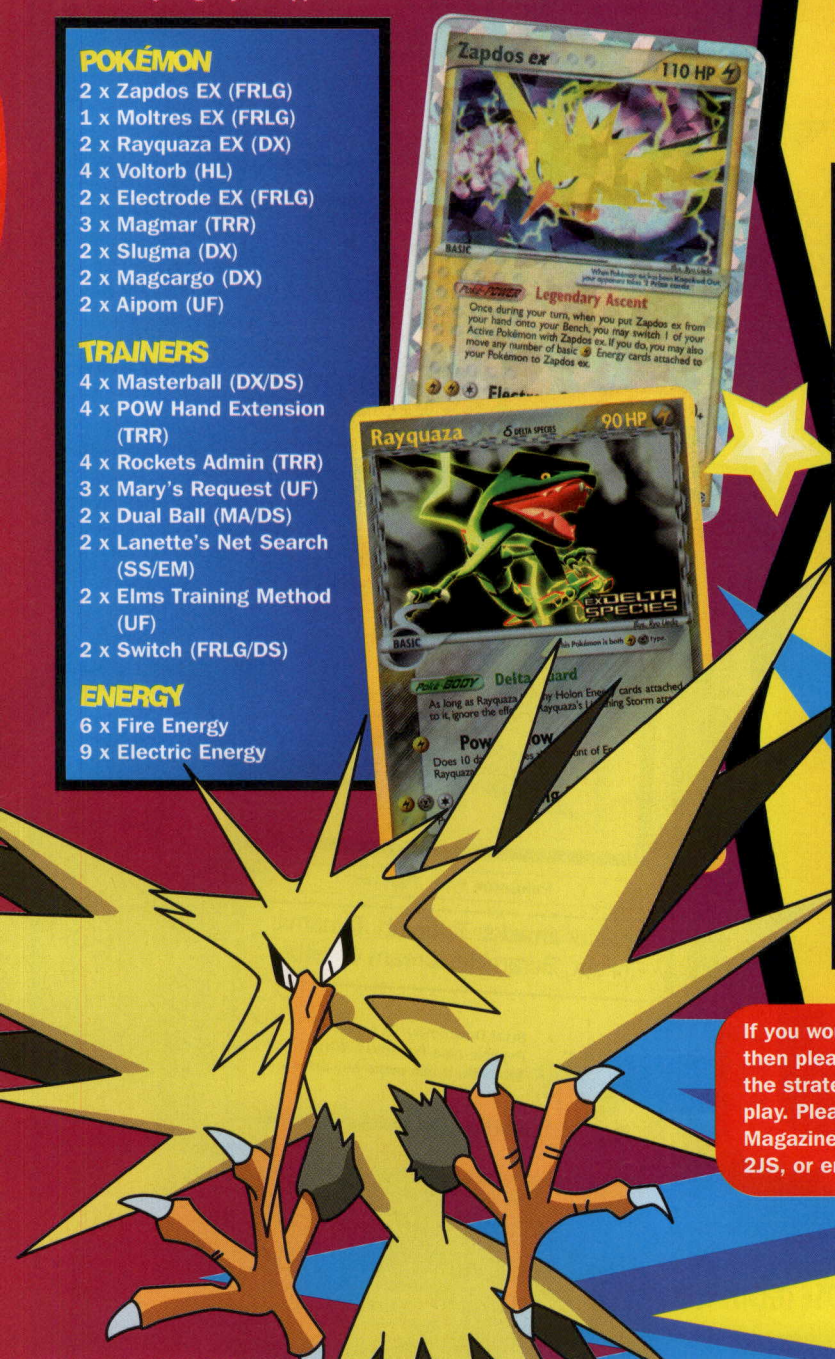
BLASTOISE EX DECK

THIS DECK IS formed around abuse of Blastoise Ex's power that enables you to attach multiple water energies every turn. By using Holon Lass you can hopefully draw into a number of Energy Cards early in the game and use them to set up your Pokémon (including Quagsire) that can remove the damage placed by using Blastoise's power. Four Masterball along with several Wally's Training and Elm's Training Method give speed to the set-up process as Blastoise will take several turns before it can get powered up. You could also think about adding Rare Candy into this deck for more speed, although it is a tough call to decide what to remove.

POKÉMON
4 x Squirtle (FRLG)
4 x Wartortle (FRLG)
3 x Blastoise EX (FRLG)
4 x Whooper (TRR)
4 x Quagsire (TRR)
1 x Clamperl (HL)
1 x Gorbyss (HL)
3 x Holon's Electrode (DS)

TRAINERS
3 x TV Reporter (DR/POP II)
1 x Copycat (TRR)
1 x Professor Birch (EM)
2 x Scott (EM)
4 x Master Ball (DX/DS)
3 x Holon Lass (DS)
2 x Professor Elm's Training Method (UF)
3 x Wally's Training (SS/EM)
2 x Holon Transceiver (DS)
2 x Mr Briney's Compassion (DR/POP II)
1 x VS Seeker (FRLG)
1 x Holon Farmer (DS)

ENERGY
12 x Water Energy



If you would like to have your deck featured and rated in Pokémon World, then please send the complete deck list along with a brief description of the strategy and we can help you tweak and fix your deck for tournament play. Please send all decks to Ditto's Deck Garage, Pokemon World Magazine, Highbury Entertainment, St Peter's Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2JS, or email them to pokemonworld@paragon.co.uk.

DESIGN A MONSTER

ONCE AGAIN, YOU'VE ALL MADE SURE THAT WE DON'T GO WANTING FOR CREATED CREATURES THIS MONTH - WE'VE HAD LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF THEM! IF YOU'D LIKE THE CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR POKÉMON DESIGNS WITH ALL THE OTHER READERS THEN SEND YOUR PICTURE TO: DESIGN A MONSTER, POKÉMON WORLD, HIGHBURY ENTERTAINMENT, PARAGON HOUSE, ST PETERS ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET, BH1 2JS.

MONSTER OF THE MONTH

Evolution: None

ICEDON

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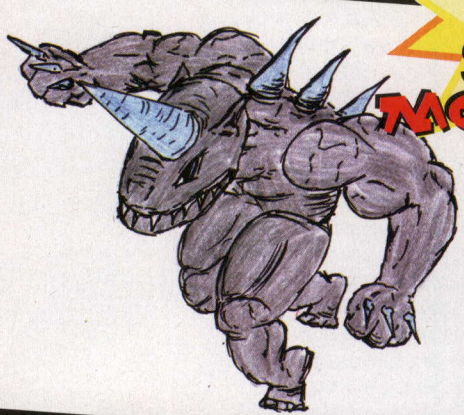


Pokémon type: Ice/Fighting

Special attacks: Ice Drill, Ice Punch, Body Slam, Ice Beam

Brief Description: This Pokémon lives in the Artic and can withstand temperatures below -100°C.

Mandeep Seehra, Aged 14, Wolverhampton

POKÉMON WORLD STAR MONSTER

Evolution: Breed Scizor and Aipom

AIZOR

02

Pokémon type: Steel/Normal

Special attacks: Iron Bite, Steel Clap, Bounce Around, Steel Kick

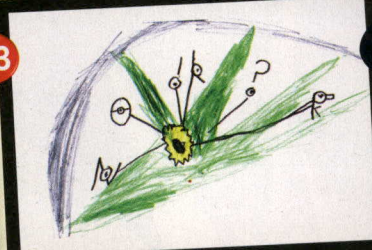
Brief Description: This bouncy Pokémon will not be contained in a Pokéball but will always stick with its trainer.

Tom Farr, Aged 13, Ashford

Evolution: Evolves from all 28 Unknown

ALPHUNOWN

03



Pokémon type: Psychic

Special attacks: Telepath, Dynamic Rollout, Scramble, Dream Creator

Brief Description: A powerful Psychic-type Pokémon. With Telepath, it can avoid any attack.

Conor Bailey, Aged 9, Everton

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR ENTRY, PLUS ALL THOSE MONSTER STATS!

We're very sorry but we can't return your pictures, nor print pictures on lined or coloured paper, but keep checking *Pokémon World* in case they get printed!

DESIGN A MONSTER

Evolution: Trade Trapinch with Soft Sand

DESERT DEVIL

04

Pokémon type: Poison/Ground

Special attacks: Poison Blade, Slash, Horn Smash, Sandblast

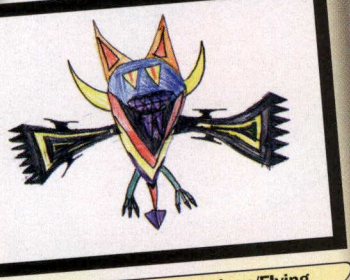
Brief Description: Desert Devils travel in bands and protect their territory viciously. You do not want to get on the wrong side of one of these creatures!

Joe Wilde, Aged 10, Blackpool

Evolution: Evolves from Crobat at Level 79

GRIMBAT

05



Pokémon type: Dark/Poison/Flying

Special attacks: Shadow Blast, Blade Wing, Poison Talon, Flying Poison Tail

Brief Description: This is a rare Pokémon; you can only find it at the top of a cave. It has a viral bite that badly poisons its foes. One swing of its wings can blow a building down.

Iwan John Gane, Aged 8, Caerphilly

Evolution: Evolves into Suicune

SUIPIP

06

Pokémon type: Water

Special attacks: Tackle, Bubble, Icy Wind, Quick Attack

Brief Description: This Pokémon may be weak in defence but it makes up for it with sheer speed. It gets along with most humans and other Pokémon, especially if they are playful and fun.

Matthew Deakin, Aged 11, Doncaster

Evolution: Breed Snorunt with Vileplume

CRYSTAL CLOVER

07

Pokémon type: Ice/Grass

Special attacks: Sleet Petals, Supernova Blast, Growth, Petal Dance

Brief Description: This rare creature was hunted down for its magical glitter, which is said to come from its wings. This is why they are scarce these days.

Julian Outram, Aged 12, Sheffield

Evolution: Trade Groudon with Leaf Stone

DEATHSTAR

08

Pokémon type: Psychic/Fire/Grass

Special attacks: Death Strike, Tri-Slicer, Mystery Shine, Inferno Heat

Brief Description: This Pokémon lives around mountains with a Ho-Oh, and it usually shines at full moon.

Christopher Thorpe, Aged 10, Sleaford

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Evolution: Evolves from Electrode at Level 70

ELECTIKE

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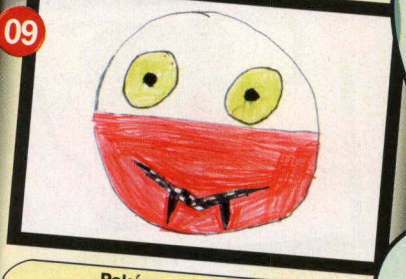


Pokémon type: Electric

Special attacks: Explosion, Elec-Roll, Electric Blast, Thunderzap

Brief Description: You wouldn't like to play any ball games with this – it would electrocute you!

Ashlay Davey, Aged 9, Leafield

Evolution: Trade Magcargo with Metal Coat

STAIL

10

Pokémon type: Fire/Steel

Special attacks: Blast Burn, Iron Defence, Fire Spin, Iron Bash

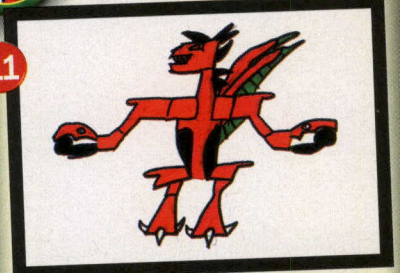
Brief Description: Stail's markings differ depending on the area in which it is caught.

William Hillary, Aged 10, County Durham

Evolution: Trade Scizor with Blade Stone

SCIZAR

11



Pokémon type: Steel/Dark

Special attacks: Crush Claw, Solar Slash, Blade Metamorphose

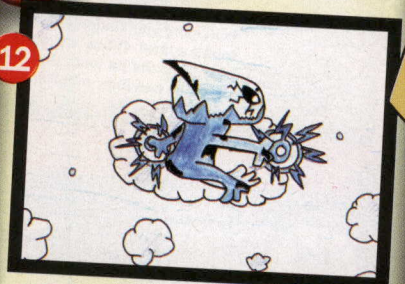
Brief Description: Scizar's blades can change shape any time it likes, making it possible for it to destroy even Rayquaza!

Jordan Powell, Aged 10, Shotton

Evolution: None

GAIAIL

12



Pokémon type: Ice

Special attacks: Hail, Ice Beam, Multiply, Fly

Brief Description: This Pokémon was created during the Ice Age. It usually spends its days floating around on clouds.

Peter Oxley, Aged 10, Deddington

Evolution: None

ELECTON

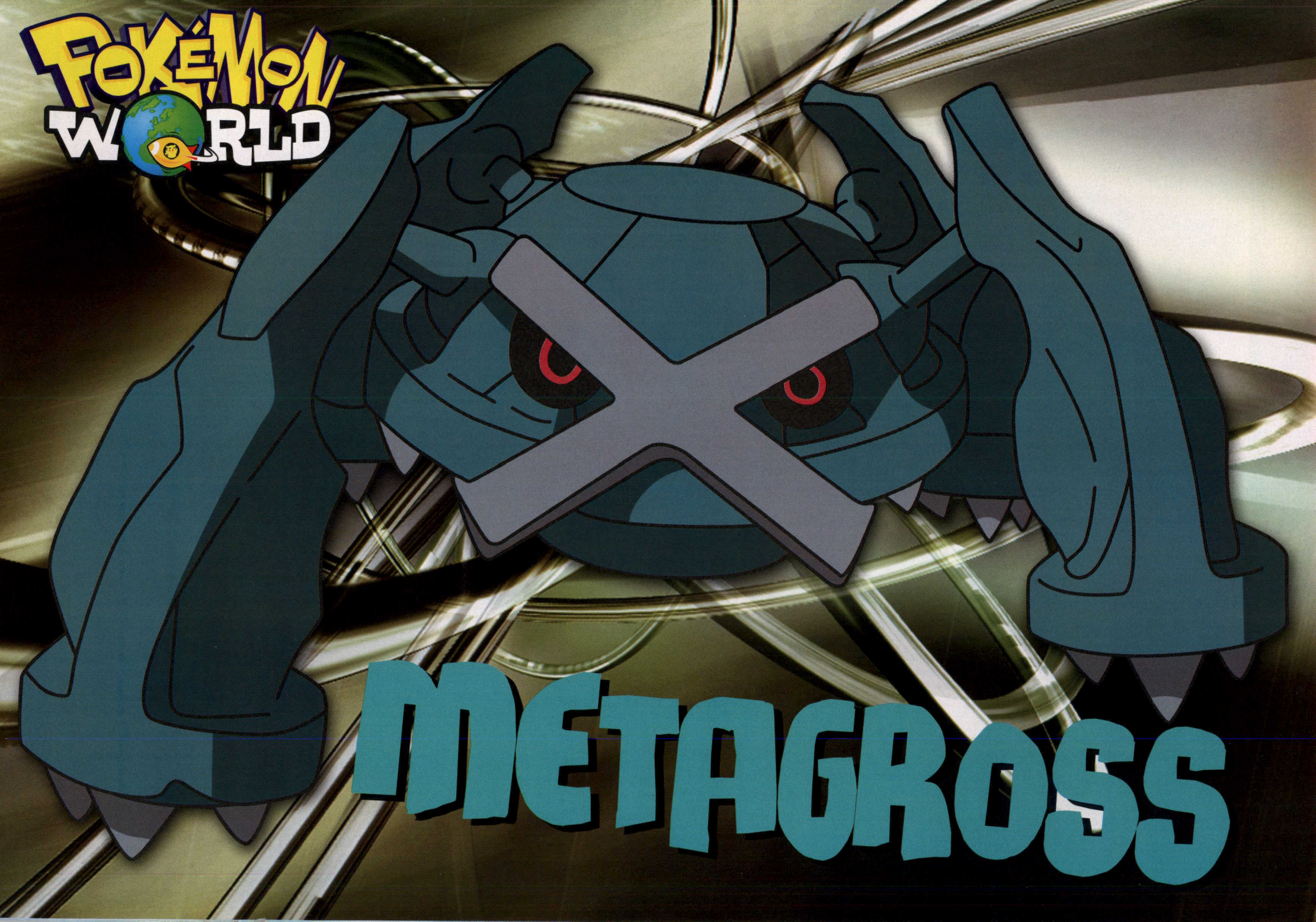
13

Pokémon type: Dragon, Flying, Electric

Special attacks: Electric Blast, Electric Bite, Electric Shield, Electric Bite

Brief Description: Electon's bright colours attract its prey and it can only be caught with a Master Ball.

Jonathan Hill, Tamsworth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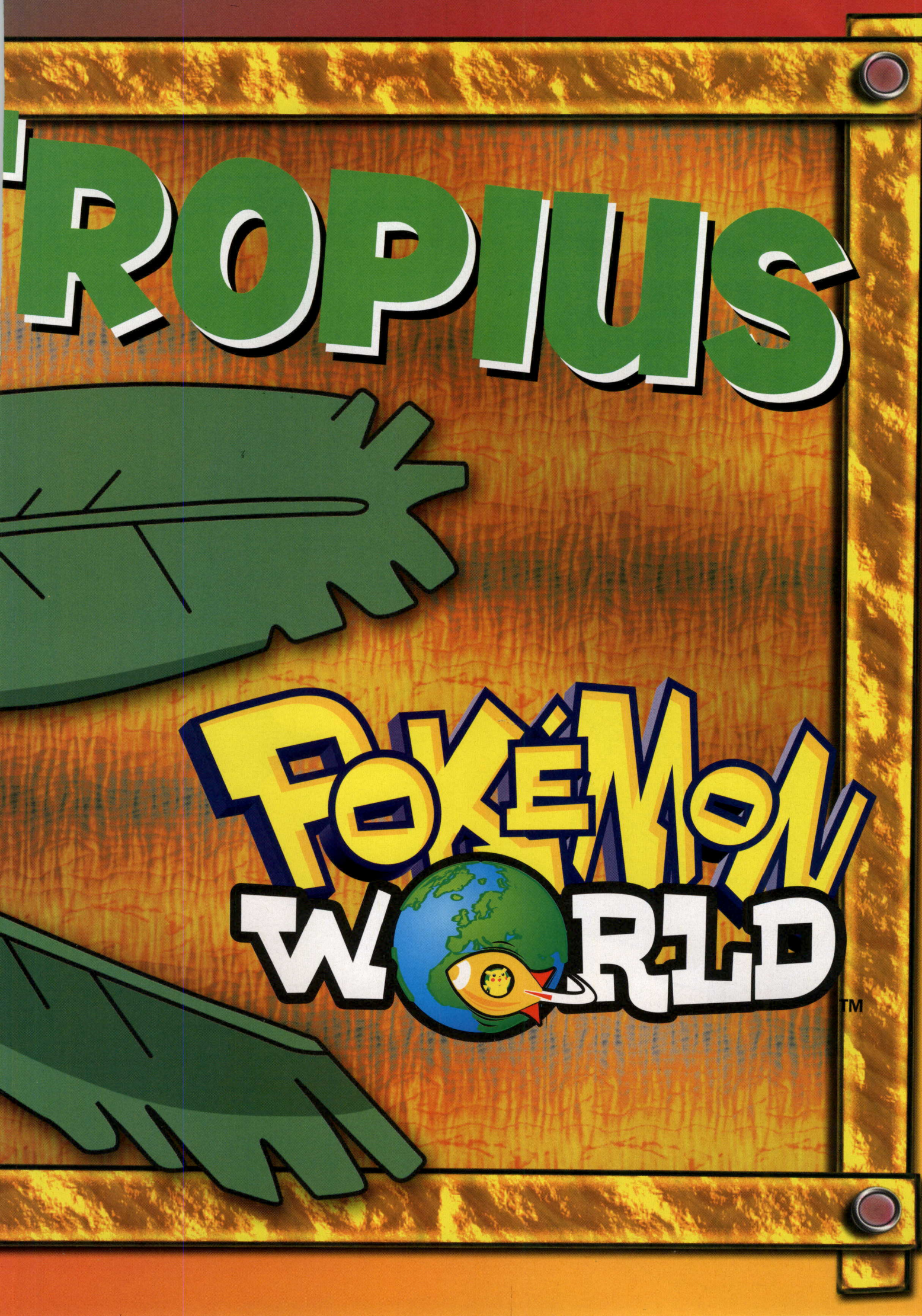
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Pokémon World Issue 48

In this marvellous issue we take a gander at the State Championships in massive detail. As well as this, we have a peak at the fantastic upcoming Pokémon Emerald, which is sure to be a treat! You can also expect all the usual puzzles, helpful tips and three great, giant Poké-posters.

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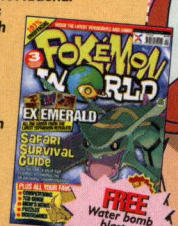
Pokémon World Issue 49

In this incredible issue, we give you a once-in-a-lifetime Safari Survival Guide to the UK National Championships and an in-depth look at the terrific Ex Emerald TCG Expansion. As well as all the usual stuff, such as Pokémail and Pika-pics, we look at the new Plug 'N' Play games.



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Pokémon World Issue 50

A milestone issue for us and boy do we show it! With a terrific report of the Pokémon TCG National Championships, an in-depth look at the utterly brilliant new Pokémon Emerald and all the usual goodness, this is certainly in with a shot of being the best issue of Pokémon World ever!

FREE Beach ball and book!

Pokémon World Issue 51

And you thought that Pokémon World just couldn't get any better after last month's mega issue! This magical edition sees an in-depth look at Pokémon Heroes, a preview of all the upcoming Poké-goodness, game reviews, puzzles, posters and a TCG guide! A truly fantastic issue!

FREE 2 Cool 4 School stationery set!

Pokémon World Issue 52

This amazing issue of Pokémon World includes the full report from the 2005 World Championships, the UK review of Pokémon Emerald and also a complete set list and details on the latest Pokémon TCG expansion, EX Unseen Forces. Grab a copy to see how we managed to squeeze it all in!

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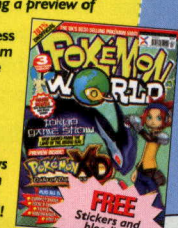
Pokémon World Issue 53

The Halloween edition of Pokémon World is packed with stunning features including a preview of Pokemon XD: Gale Of Darkness and a report from the Tokyo Game Show including details on the Nintendo Revolution. We also look at the latest spooky toys and much, much more – an issue not to be missed!



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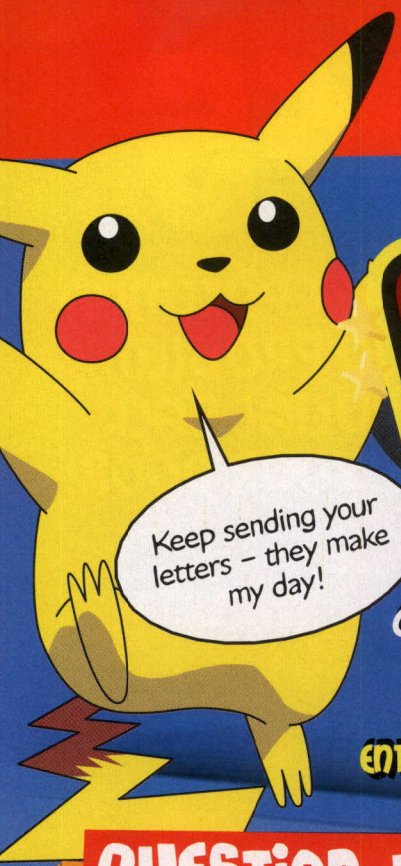

POKÉMAIL

WE CAN'T WAIT TO READ YOUR POKÉMON THOUGHTS, JOKES AND QUESTIONS – AND THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO GET THROUGH TO US! IF YOU'RE SENDING PIKA-PICS AND LETTERS, SEND THEM IN TO THE USUAL ADDRESS: POKÉMAIL/ PIKA-PICS, POKÉMON WORLD, HIGHBURY ENTERTAINMENT, PARAGON HOUSE, ST PETERS ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 2JS

Sorry, but we cannot reply personally to any letters sent to Faisal Khan, *Pokémon World*, Professor Yew or anyone else! Printed letters may be edited for space. The text number is for text messages only and is never answered as a phone number. Your text will cost you the regular text message amount – please check with your mobile service provider.

QUESTION TIME!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
My brother and I love reading your magazine! We have loads of *Pokémon* games and have just made a new website – it is www.freewebs.com/lotadpolitoed. We also have a few questions to ask:
1. Is it possible to trade Pokémon from the *Yellow* and *Crystal* to the new games *Emerald* and *LeafGreen*?
2. How do you get Happiness and Friendship?
3. Will any Nintendo events be coming to the UK?
4. When is *Emerald* out in the UK?
5. Can you play DS games on the GBA?

Katie and Ryan, age 14 and 10, Swansea

Thanks for the letter, guys! Well, let's get those questions answered for you – first off, we're afraid you can't trade from the old games into the new games. As for Happiness and Friendship, some Pokémon will only evolve once you've got these right. The only way to keep a Pokémon happy and earn its friendship is to keep it near the top of your team and heal it every time it's hurt in battle or affected by a status condition. Nintendo events? We only sometimes get them in the UK, so keep an eye on Pokémon World *for all the latest details. We won't finish on bad news, so we'll tell you now that you can't play DS games on the GBA... but the good news is that* Pokémon Emerald *is out now!*

VIDEO WOE

Hi *Pokémon World*,
I love your magazine and I want to know whether or not you can subscribe to it. I'm ten and first started reading when I was nine – now I want to subscribe but I don't know how! Also I think you should have tips for older *Pokémon* games like *Yellow* or *Blue* because some might still need help – but not me, of course!

Charli K, via email

You can find details on how to subscribe by flicking to page 46 – it's the best way to guarantee your copy each month. You'll need an adult to set the subscription up, so if you can't twist anyone's arm (it would make a great Christmas present!) you can give the coupon at the back of the mag to your newsagent so they can reserve you an issue every month.

AGGRON AFICIONADO!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
I love *Pokémon*! I have three *Pokémon* Game Boy games and on Crystal I have a Feraligatr level 100, a Venomoth level 63, a Lugia level 64 and a Suicune level 53. Is it possible to catch a male Jynx? I have 800-odd *Pokémon* cards and my favourite one is Aggron EX. Please show my letter because I totally love this magazine!

Luke Northbrooke, age 10

P.S. Could you get Nintendo to make a Pokémon Centre in the UK (hopefully in Poole or Bournemouth) – I would love it!

We hope you like seeing your letter in the mag! That's a pretty mean team you've got – good luck for getting them all to level 100! But we're afraid you won't be able to catch a male Jynx to join your Pokémon – they're female only. We'd love to see a Pokémon Centre in the UK, too – it would be great to have one in Bournemouth so it would be near our office! Sadly, we don't know of any plans to open one in Britain, but if it happened it would probably be in London. So at least that's potentially good news for any readers in Big Ben land!

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AND NOW YOU CAN TEXT US ALL YOUR POKÉMON THOUGHTS ON 07941 921 854!

DRAGON DELIGHT!

Dear *Pokémon World*
I really love your mag and I think it's stupid that people think *Pokémon* is babyish. When I went up to senior school I thought no-one would like *Pokémon*, but then I met a girl looking at some cards and now we are great friends. I have also been playing really hard on my *FireRed* game and I have seven Pokémon that are level 100! I had to defeat the League 96 times until my top party was ready. I have two Charizards (Flame and Blaze), a Dragonite (Draknar), a Flygon (Erionchard), a Salamence (Tiamat) and a Rayquaza (Ray). If you hadn't noticed, I really like dragon Pokémon – am I the only Dragon maniac?
Emily Styles, age 12, Devon

Hello, Emily, and thanks for writing in. Defeating the League 96 times? You must have worked really hard! And congrats on your impressive tally of top-level Pokémon! We really like your Pokémon names – do any other readers have cool names for their team? We're sure you're not alone in being a Dragon fan – with great Pokémon like Rayquaza and Gyarados, there's a lot to be said for those Dragon types!

MEW MYSTERY!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
I have an Ancient Mew card and my friend says I can't use it. I went to a website to find some details but they couldn't find Ancient Mew. Please could you help?
Adam Griffith, age 10, Whitstable

Ancient Mew, eh? That's a rare promo that was given away with the Pokémon 2000 film! Well, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that we have the card's details for you – Ancient Mew is a Psychic Pokémon (30 HP); Attack: Psyche (40); Retreat cost: 2; Weakness: Psychic; Resistance: None. Unfortunately, it can't be used in battles because the back is so distinctive. And besides, it's not actually that powerful. Despite this, it's a really interesting card for anyone to have in their collection!

WICKED WEBSITES!

There are two new websites for you this month. First off, Nathan Felix from Bristol has created www.freewebs.com/lugiatreehouse/index.htm and would love you all to visit.

Secondly, ten-year-old Alex Higgs from Waterlooville would like some *Pokémon World* readers to visit www.freewebs.com/poke-club. Be sure to check them both out – they're great!

PW-POETRY!

People have every *Pokémon* game
And it never feels the same
That's 'cause...
We all live in a *Pokémon* world!
Groudon raises the land,
With Kyogre blocking the sand.
That's 'cause...
We all live in a *Pokémon* world!
Rayquaza circled the sky
That glistened so high
This is 'cause...
We all live in a *Pokémon* World!
Kristy Redmond, age 11, Kingswinford

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Eight-year-old Michael Clarke lives in Oxford and has built up a very impressive *Pokémon* collection. His favourite item is his Pikachu remote control car – we've never seen one of those before!

Brother and sister James (aged 8) and Beth (aged 12) have been collecting *Pokémon* since the craze first appeared. They've both been looking forward to *Pokémon Emerald*, and Beth even has a *Pokémon* toothbrush!

HAVE YOU GOT A COOL COLLECTION OF POKÉMON STUFF? SEND IN A PHOTO TO THE POKÉMAIL ADDRESS AND WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD!

Pika-Pics

We've had so many great pictures for Smeargle's gallery this month! Unfortunately we couldn't find space for them all, but we want to thank everyone for so many great drawings. We've selected our favourites from all you talented young artists. Keep your pictures coming in and share you favourite *Pokémon* drawings with your fellow *Pokémon* fans!

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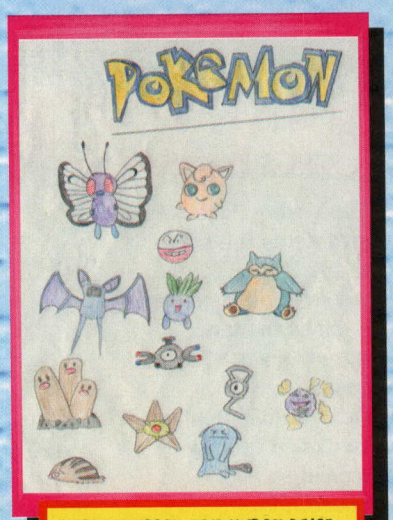
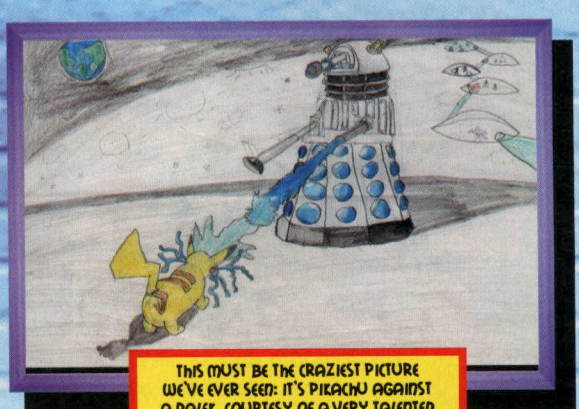


MARK HENDERSON, AGED 11 FROM DEVON, HAS GONE ALL OUT WITH THIS MARVELOUS PICTURE OF HIS FAVOURITE POKÉMON!

TEN-YEAR-OLD BARRY MCGEOUGH HAS REALLY IMPRESSED US WITH THIS VERITABLE FEAST OF POKÉMON. GREAT STUFF, BARRY!

HOLY MOLY, BEN CLARK! THIS IS SURE ONE FIERCE DRAWING OF THE MIGHTY GENGAR! WE CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ONLY NINE YEARS OLD. AMAZING STUFF!

WOW SIAN O'BOYLE. THIS REALLY IS A POKÉMON PARADISE YOU'VE CREATED, ISN'T IT? WHAT A SUPERB TALENT YOU HAVE!



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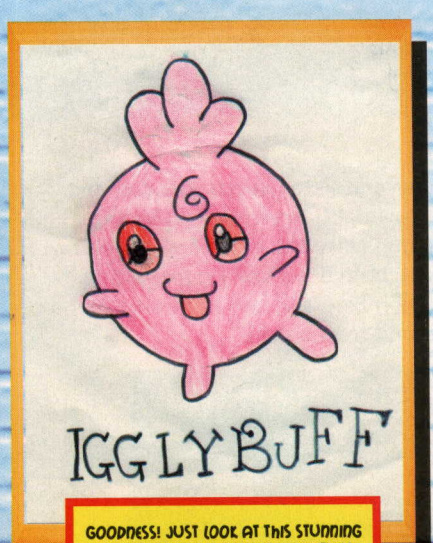
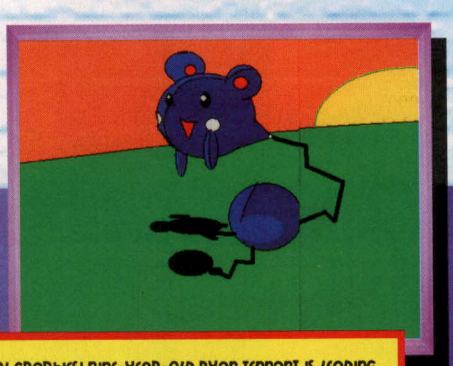
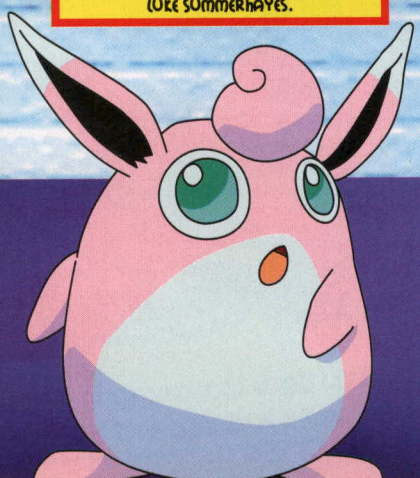


GOODNESS! JUST LOOK AT THIS STUNNING PICTURE OF IGGLYBUFF BY KIMBERLEY WILLS, AGED 8 FROM NORFOLK!

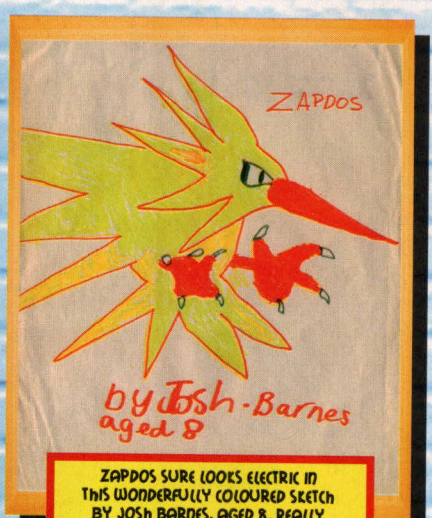


COOL GRAPHICS! NINE-YEAR-OLD RYAN TENNANT IS LEADING THE WAY WITH THIS MAGNIFICENT COMPUTER ILLUSTRATION.



THIS CUTE PICTURE OF THE INCREDIBLY CUTE CELEBI WAS BROUGHT TO US BY JAMIE BEST, AGED 12 FROM ILMINSTER.

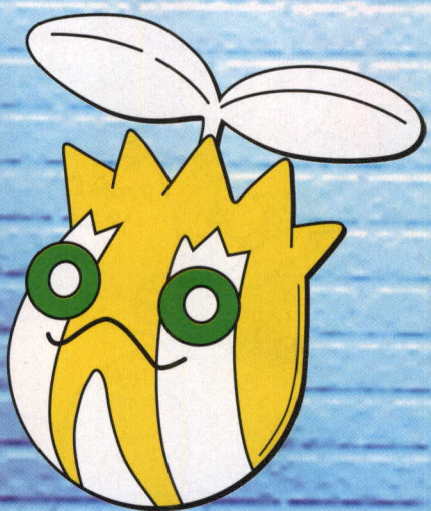
ETHAN WALBY MAY ONLY BE FIVE BUT HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO DRAW POKÉMON. JUST LOOK AT THIS GROUP OF THE POCKET MONSTERS FOR PROOF!



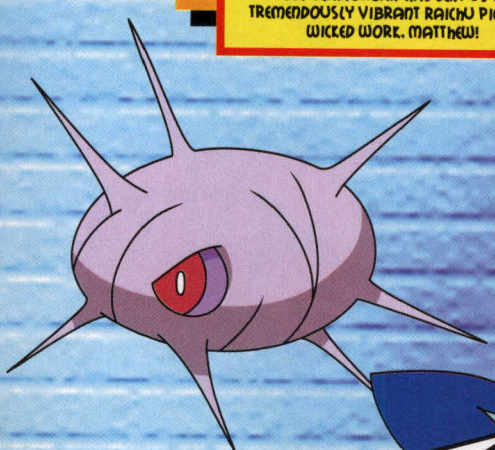
ZAPDOS SURE LOOKS ELECTRIC IN THIS WONDERFULLY COLOURED SKETCH BY JOSh BARNES, AGED 8. REALLY THRILLING WORK, JOSh!

KYOGRE IS SHOWN JUST HOW GOOD HE CAN LOOK IN THIS PICTURE BY THE ENVIABLY GIFTED KIERAN HALLISEY. WAY TO GO, KIERAN!

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD MATTHEW GANDERTON FROM GLAMORGAN HAS SENT US THIS TREMENDOUSLY VIBRANT RAICHU PICTURE. WICKED WORK, MATTHEW!



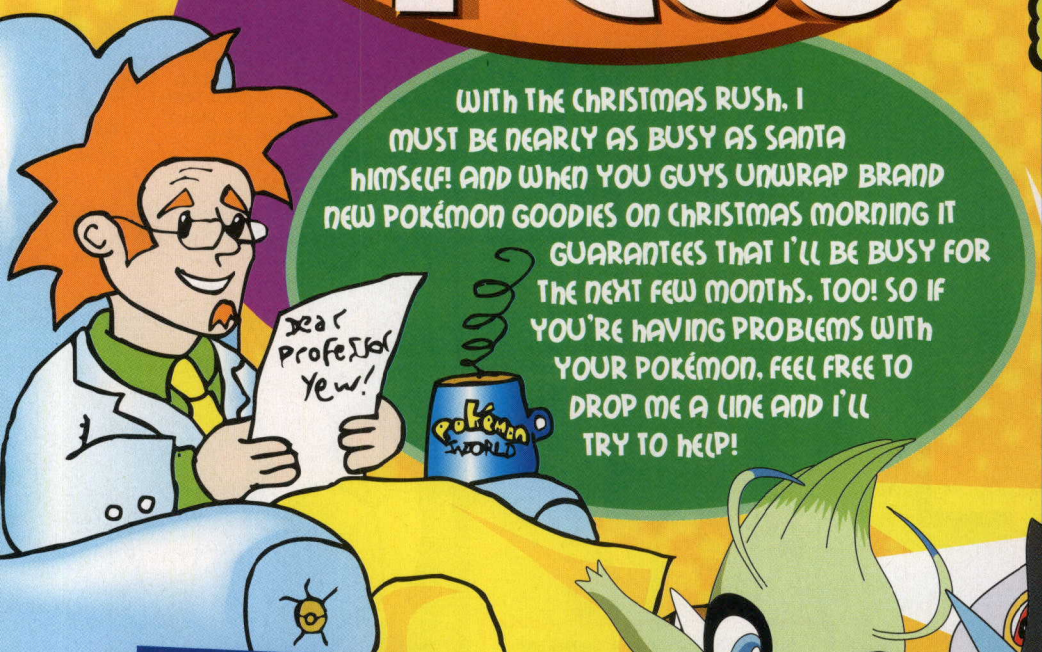
TOM EDWARDS HAS BEEN FAIRLY BUSY WITH THIS ACCURATE ILLUSTRATION OF SUICUNE. WE THINK IT'S GREAT, TOM. SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WOR!



SMEARGLE IS JUMPING FOR JOY AT ALL THE WONDERFUL DRAWINGS THIS MONTH - IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY TALENTED READERS OUT THERE! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING AS SMEARGLE WANTS TO FILL ALL HIS WALLS WITH YOUR POKÉMON PICTURES!

SQUIRTLE, BULBASAUR AND CHARMANDER HAVE NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD THANKS TO YOUNG ADAM BARNARD, AGED 9 FROM SOUTHAMPTON.

ask PROFESSOR YEW



WITH THE CHRISTMAS RUSH, I MUST BE NEARLY AS BUSY AS SANTA HIMSELF! AND WHEN YOU GUYS UNWRAP BRAND NEW POKÉMON GOODIES ON CHRISTMAS MORNING IT GUARANTEES THAT I'LL BE BUSY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, TOO! SO IF YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR POKÉMON, FEEL FREE TO DROP ME A LINE AND I'LL TRY TO HELP!

Tower of Strength

Q **DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,**
I'm really stuck on *Pokémon Ruby*. I've been playing it for a long time and I just can't seem to find the Sky Pillar. Is there any way you can please help? I hope to hear from you soon!

FROM MATHEW, SHREWSBURY

A **HELLO MATHEW,**
You're not alone in your lengthy hunt for the Sky Pillar – every month I get a stack of letters as high as the tower itself from similarly lost trainers! Fly over to Pacifidlog and take a surf to the right as if you were off hunting for Mirage Island. Stick close to the rocks at the top of the screen and, eventually, you'll find a route to go up a little further through a rocky sea pass where you'll find the legendary tower. Be warned, though – you'll need the Mach Bike to traverse the crumbling floors inside!

To The End

Q **DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,**
I have been playing *LeafGreen* for ages and have two questions. Where can I find Mew and how do I defeat the Elite Four?

FROM WILLIAM, KEIGHLEY

A **WELL WILLIAM,**
The Elite Four are naturally tough – they represent the pinnacle of Pokémon training in the Kanto region, after all! If you're having problems, take a look at your team. Try to keep it varied with plenty of different strengths and weaknesses, and make sure you level them all up to at least the mid-50s and all should be okay. Don't forget to stock up on items, either. Use the time between fights to use these to heal your squad and you'll have the upper hand on your quintet of rivals. As for Mew, he's only available once you get an item called the Old Sea Map. It's not in the game itself, but rather given out by Nintendo at specific events. Trust us, we'll let you know just how to get it as soon as we do!

A Bird in The Hand

Q **DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,**
I have a few questions about *Colosseum* and *LeafGreen*.
1) I've beaten Realgam Tower and Mt Battle and purified every Shadow Pokémon but your guide says that this gets you a Ho-Oh. Can you tell me how to get it?
2) I have heard you can get Lugia in *Colosseum*. If this is true, how do I get my hands on it?
3) A previous issue of *Pokémon World* said an Aurora Ticket would come out this year so you can get Lugia, Ho-Oh and Deoxys – can you give me a release date for this?

FROM JONATHAN, SUTTON COLDFIELD

A **WELL JONATHAN,**
Here are your answers, young man!
1) All you'll need do is head back to Mt Battle and your prize should await you at the top. You might have to redo the last ten fights in order to do this, but the reward is worth it.
2) Lugia is only obtainable in *Pokémon XD* on the GameCube.
3) The Aurora Ticket has already done the rounds, but watch this space and we'll let you know if there's another chance to get it!

Train in Vain

Q DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,
I have a copy of *Pokémon Emerald* and I have some questions about it that shouldn't be too hard for a great Pokémon Professor such as yourself! Firstly, what rod should I use to catch Feebas? And secondly, what is the best way to train up my Pokémon below level 100?
FROM PATRICK, CHESTERFIELD

A WELL PATRICK,
Why thank you – in my case, flattery will get you everywhere! Any rod will work for catching Feebas, but my recommendation is the Old Rod. That way, you'll only be able to catch Magikarp or Feebas and escaping/beating those pesky Magikarp (that you're going to be seeing an awful lot of) will be that much simpler.

As for training, you'll have to bear in mind that the power of legendary monsters tends to come at a price. More specifically, levelling them up will take substantially longer than most other monsters. The Elite Four is your best bet for experience in *Emerald* – it takes time, sure, but with some clever Exp Share usage you should be able to take your team to the top of their game in a matter of hours. Also, don't be afraid to use Rare Candies. As long as your team sees plenty of battle, the negative effects that some people seem to claim Candies give (such as lowering stats) simply won't show themselves. So what are you waiting for? Get to work!

In the Shadows

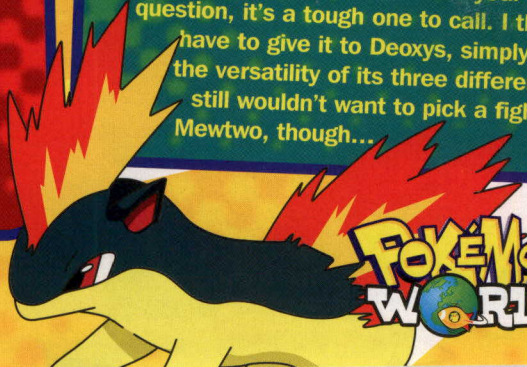
Q DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,
I have been playing *LeafGreen* for some time now and I've heard that you can catch Lapras in Icefall Cave on Four Island. I have ventured as far as I can, but not a sausage! What do I do? I also really want to know how to get an Umbreon and an Espeon. I tried breeding an Eevee and a Ditto but I got another Eevee! What do I have to do?
FROM NATALIA, WELLINGBOROUGH

A GREETINGS NATALIA,
Just keep at it! Lapras do appear in Icefall Cave occasionally, but they're extremely rare. Also, you could always just talk to the Silph Co. employee in the same room in the building where you fight Gary – he'll give you one free of charge if there's a free space in your party! As for your evolutionary query, I've got some bad news for you, I'm afraid. In *LeafGreen* and *FireRed* there's no way to evolve Eevee into its Dark or Psychic variants. It is, however, possible in *Pokémon Emerald* depending on Eevee's happiness and the time of day that it first levels up at full happiness. You could always trade for one – given that you can breed Eevees easily (as you seem to have found!), someone with a copy of *Emerald* is sure to be able to get you an Espeon and an Umbreon. Trainers are nice like that – at least, in my experience...

Round One... Fight!

Q DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,
I love your magazine and thought you would be the person to bring my problems to. Please tell me what a Nintendo Event is – do they ever happen in the UK? Also, I was wondering who is the most powerful out of Mewtwo and Deoxys? Please say Deoxys! Please! Thanks for your time.
FROM YASMIN, BURTON

A HI YASMIN,
Every so often, Nintendo will organise a tour where new content for the *Pokémon* games is made available, usually in conjunction with publicity for a new product. Unfortunately for people like yourself in the South, these tours don't tend to get around that much outside of major cities – the last one didn't make it further south than London, if I remember correctly. Still, as I seem to be saying a lot this month, keep informed with where the events will be with Pokémon World. As for your other question, it's a tough one to call. I think I'd have to give it to Deoxys, simply down to the versatility of its three different forms. I still wouldn't want to pick a fight with Mewtwo, though...



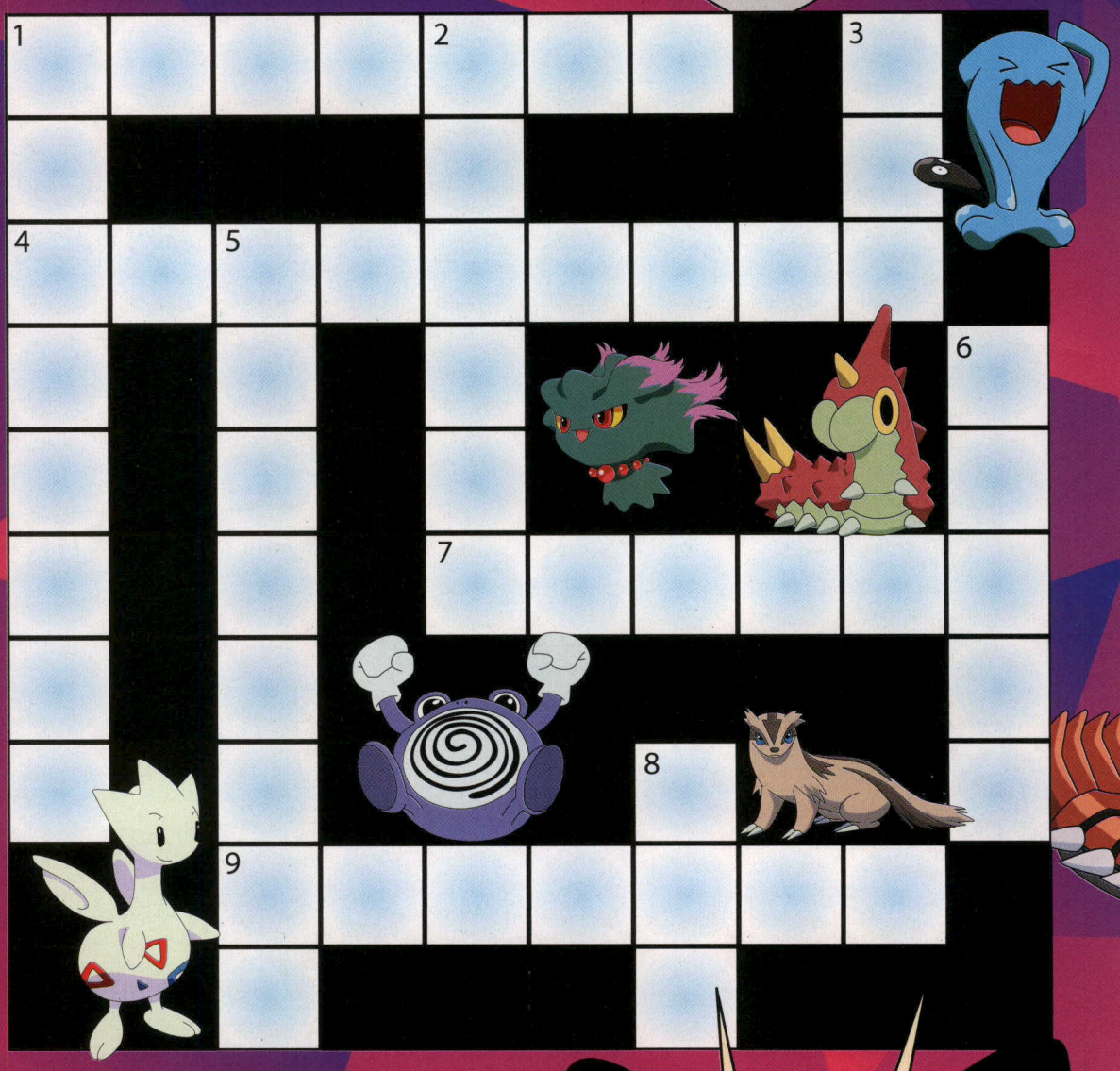
Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

Q DEAR PROFESSOR YEW,
I'm a big fan of *Pokémon World* and would like you to answer this question. My friend has the three legendary dogs and I can't beat him! My team is Pupitar, Tyranitar, Jumpluff, Vaporeon and Mewtwo and my friend James uses Raikou, Entei, Suicune and Aerodactyl. Please help!
FROM NICK, MANCHESTER

A HELLO NICK,
There are two immediate concerns. Firstly, Pupitar (and any Pokémon that aren't at their highest evolutions) shouldn't be used competitively, especially with Tyranitar in your line-up as well. And secondly, you're a monster short! Those dogs pack a punch, but they can be beaten. Try unique Pokémon like Shuckle and Shedinja to make your opponent think, or use Status Ailments common among Grass types to make his life harder. Your Vaporeon should be able to punish both Aerodactyl and Entei, but you should also think about using a fully evolved starter – they get seriously powerful! Failing that, a quick monster with Double Team and Swords Dance (perhaps Scyther) should be able to bulk itself up without too much harm before unleashing massive damage!

KYOGRE'S CROSSWORD

Can you solve all the clues and complete my crossword? The answers will appear in the next issue if you get stuck.



Across

1 The term for a Pokémon with Belly Drum as a designated move (7)

4 This type of Pokémon cannot breed and includes Mew, Celebi, Jirachi and Latios (9)

7 The colour of Pikachu (6)

9 Jenny's job! (7)

Down

1 Pokémon 225 doesn't evolve, nor did it evolve from another Pokemon (8)

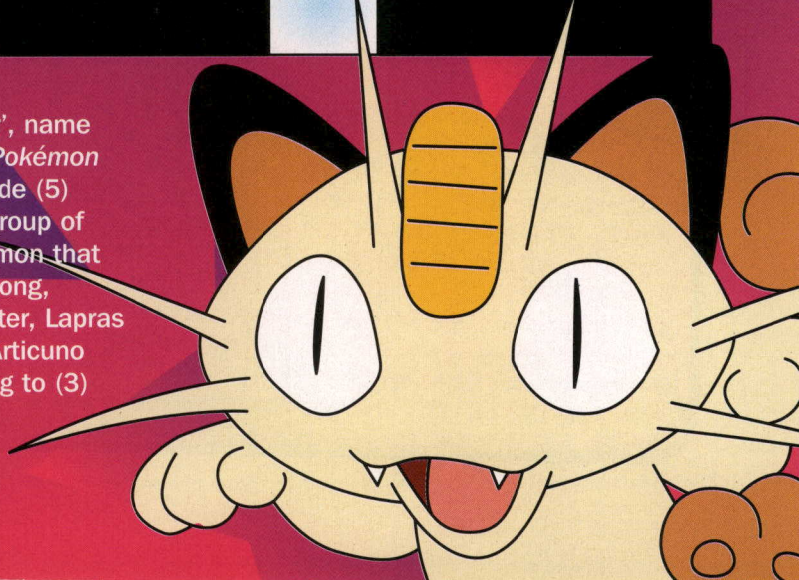
2 This Pokémon resembles man and monkey (6)

3 Meowth has an attack called Pay __ (3)

5 This water type is 21'4" and weights 518lbs (8)

6 '*Pokemon*: __ Of Terror', name of a *Pokémon* episode (5)

8 The group of Pokemon that Dewgong, Cloyster, Lapras and Articuno belong to (3)



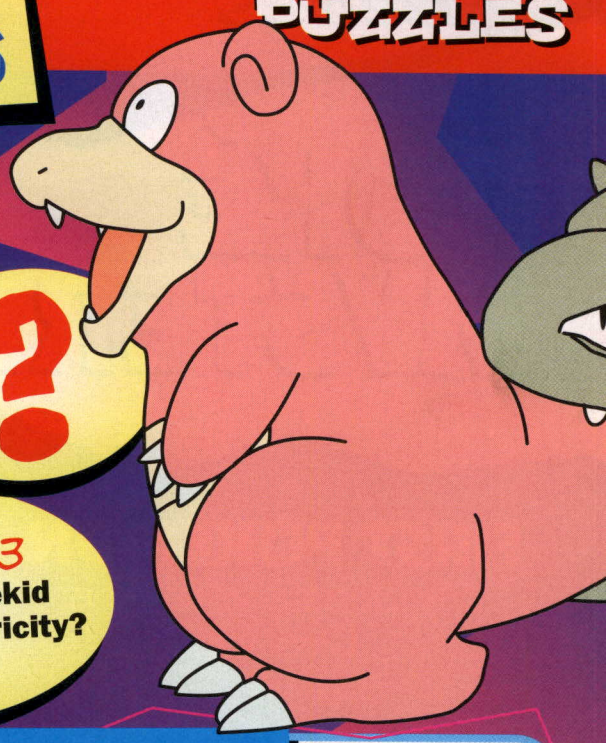
Pokémon questions

Over the next few pages there are some Pokémon questions – how many answers do you know?

Question 1
How many Pokémon are currently in the Pokédex?

Question 2
What Pokémon has a name that means "to repeat" or "the same"?

Question 3
How does Elekid generate electricity?



POKÉFACTS

Look at these Pokéfacts, then guess whether they're true or false!

POKÉFACT 1

Pokémon Heroes was released in cinemas before *Pokémon: The Power Of One*

POKÉFACT 2

Groudon is over 10 foot tall

POKÉFACT 3

Tyrogue evolves into Alakazam

POKÉFACT 4

Blue Flute will wake up a sleeping Pokémon

POKÉFACT 5

You can't collect Regice Pokémon in *Ruby/Sapphire*

POKÉFACT 6

Ghost type Pokémon have no weakness

POKÉFACT 7

Shadow Pokémon made their debut in *Pokémon Pinball*

POKÉFACT 8

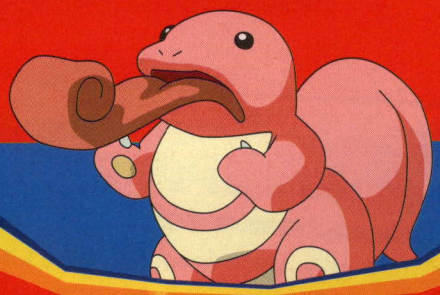
Burger King used to give away *Pokémon* promo cards in Japan

POKÉFACT 9

In Japan, you can buy *Pikachu Summer Festival* on DVD

POKÉFACT 10

The Poképark DS unit has been released worldwide



POKÉ MYSTERY

Using the clues the Pokémon have given you, can you figure out which Pokémon are which?

FIRST POKÉMON

My Japanese name is Denryuu
I am 4' 7"
I evolve Flaaffy

Who am I?

SECOND POKÉMON

I'm Kongpang in Japan
I am an Insect Pokemon
I'm 48 in the Pokédex

Who am I?

THIRD POKÉMON

My body looks like a hieroglyph
I only weight 11 lbs
I don't evolve and have no evolution

Who am I?

FOURTH POKEMON

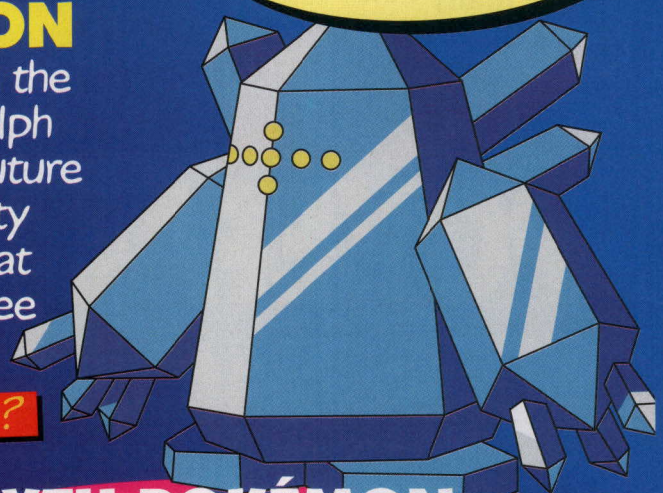
I am a water type Pokemon
I have Peck ability
My name means "king of the sea"

Who am I?

FIFTH POKÉMON

I am found in the Ruins Of Alph
I can learn Future Sight ability
I am good at climbing tree trunks

Who am I?



SIXTH POKÉMON

I spend my time quietly at the bottom of the sea
My powers are extremely strong
I can usually be found when storms start

Who am I?

SEVENTH POKÉMON

My name means "bad luck charm"
I was almost banned from being shown on British TV
I wiggle my hips as I walk

Who am I?

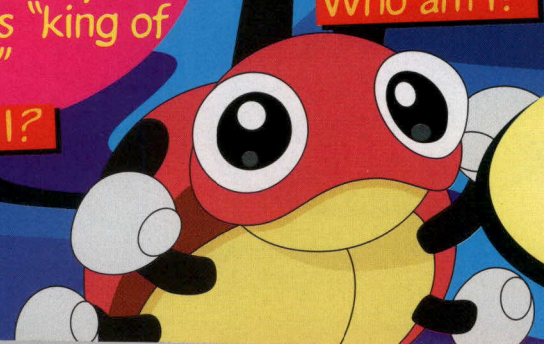
EIGHTH POKÉMON

I am 12' 6"
I am a Fire and Flying Pokémon
My name is the same spelt backwards

Who am I?

Question 4
What is the name of Annie's Pokémon in *Pokémon Heroes*?

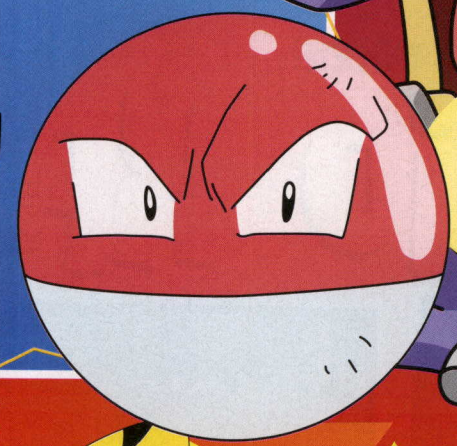
Question 5
Miki Obata is the creator of which Pokémon game?



ANAGRAMS

Those pesky Pokémon have been playing in the letter box. Can you put the words back together?

1 I RR GEM
2 STY CARL
3 THE A-RUN
4 I TEEN
5 FAR WOE



Question 6
What is the name of the 'glitch' Pokémon in *Pokémon Blue*?

COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE ANSWERS!

KYOGRE'S CROSSWORD

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ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES

POKÉMON QUESTIONS

1 Eevee
2 Ketchum
3 Chinpokomon
4 Pikachu, Mewtwo, Pichu and Jigglypuff
5 Kadabra
6 Pokémon – I Choose You!

POKÉMON ANAGRAMS

1 SHADOW LUGIA
2 CHARMANDER
3 SQUIRTLE
4 BULBASAUR
5 POKEBALL

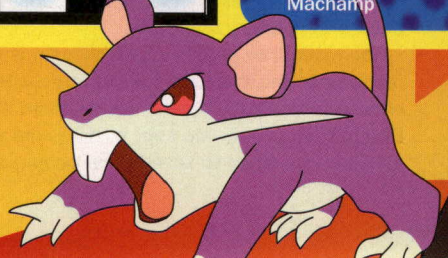
POKÉ-MYSTERY

Using the clues the Pokémon have given you, can you figure out which Pokémon are which?

- FIRST POKEMON Lapras
- SECOND POKEMON Machamp
- THIRD POKEMON Pinecio
- FOURTH POKEMON Magby
- FIFTH POKEMON Swampert
- SIXTH POKEMON Caterpie
- SEVENTH POKEMON Furret
- EIGHT POKEMON Lickitung

POKÉMATHS

- Lanturn (171) – Bulbasaur (1) + Venonat (48) = Slugma (218)
- Aron (304) – Flaaffy (180) – Psyduck (54) = Weepinbell (70)
- Starmie (121) + Onix (95) – Feraligatr (160) = Mankey (56)
- Gloom (44) + Slowbro (80) + Ponyta (77) = Unown (201)



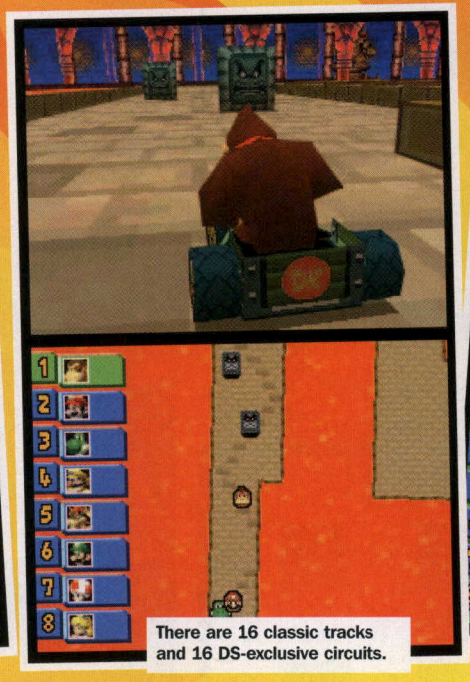
VIDEOGAME

MORE GREAT GAMES REVIEWED THIS MONTH!

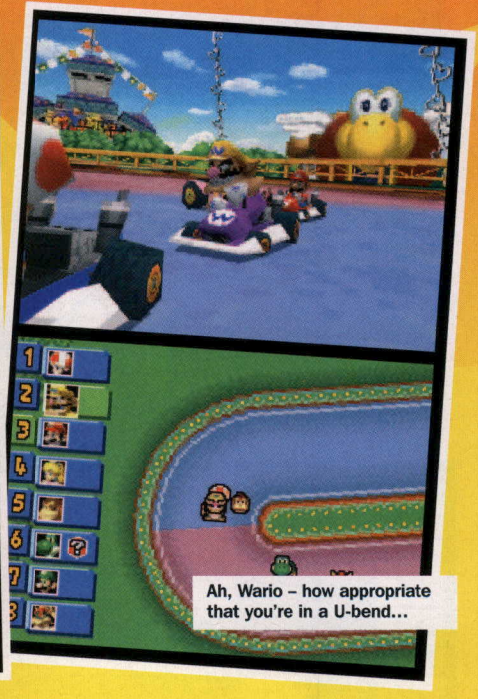
NINTENDO FINALLY GOES ONLINE!

MARIO KART DS

Of course it's-a-Mario – or else it wouldn't be *Mario Kart*!



There are 16 classic tracks and 16 DS-exclusive circuits.



Ah, Wario – how appropriate that you're in a U-bend...

FORMAT:	NINTENDO DS
PUBLISHER:	NINTENDO
PRICE:	£24.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

IF YOU ASKED us what our favourite multiplayer game of all time was, the answer would be simple: it's *Super Mario Kart* every time. There's something about the *Mario Kart* games that draws you in and doesn't even think about spitting you out until six hours later. We could literally sit there all night playing against each other, so imagine how worried we were when we found out that the Nintendo DS version of the game would allow us to play online!

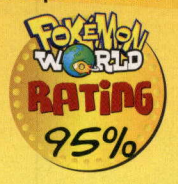
Yes, that's right: Nintendo has jumped into the world of online gaming. On 25 November the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection goes live and *Mario Kart DS* will be the first Nintendo game to take advantage of it. More about that later, though – we need to tell you about the game itself, first!

Mario Kart DS is kind of like a 'best of'. It lets you choose from 32 tracks in all; 16 of these are taken from *Super Mario Kart*, *Mario Kart 64*, *Mario Kart: Super Circuit* and *Mario Kart: Double Dash!!*, while the other 16 are designed specifically for the DS. That's an awful lot of gaming for your money.

As well as Grand Prix and Time Trial there's also a brand new mode called Mission. Here you get to test your skills on over 50 missions such as collecting all the coins within the time limit, beating an opponent, driving backwards without crashing or even going up against bosses from *Super Mario 64*.

The main draw of *Mario Kart*, though, is the multiplayer and there are tons of options to choose from. Firstly there's the standard Wi-Fi. Even if there's only one copy of the game you can link up with up to seven other people and race against each other. But the real challenge lies with the world of online gaming. If you have a wireless broadband connection at home you can jump online and race against three other people from around the world. You have the choice of either racing against people you know or people who are the same skill level as you. Even if you don't have a wireless connection you can still play online, either by buying a special USB Wi-Fi Dongle (for about £30) or by visiting one of the many hotspots around the country. Places such as McDonald's have these in their stores and you can find your nearest hotspot by visiting www.thecloud.net and typing in your post code.

Hardcore fans of the *Mario Kart* series have always said that the original Super Nintendo version is still the best, but we'd say that with *Mario Kart DS* Nintendo has come up trumps – it should be on everyone's Christmas list.



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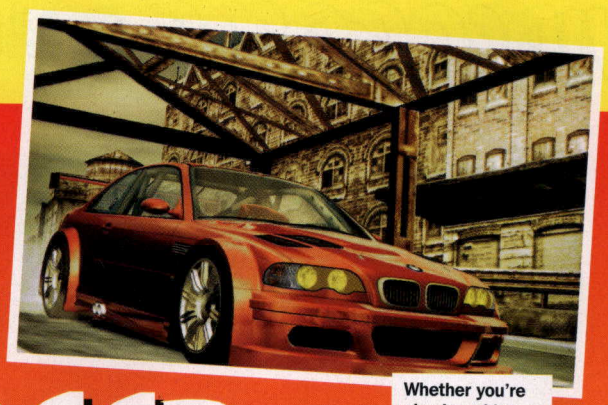
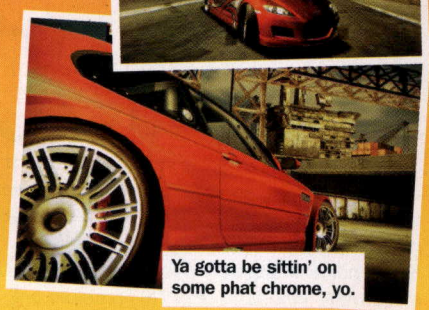


Whether you're pimping whips on the 360, the PSP or anywhere in-between, *NFS* is a great looker.

NEED FOR SPEED: MOST WANTED

THEY'RE RIGHT ON YOUR TAIL!

You won't be getting anywhere if you don't learn and master the art of drifting. Burn rubber!



Ya gotta be sittin' on some phat chrome, yo.

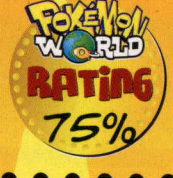
FORMAT:	MULTIFORMAT
PUBLISHER:	EA
PRICE:	£25-£40
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

HOW MANY OF you out there watch *Pimp My Ride*? Quite a few of you, we'd bet – the same folks who love games like *Need For Speed*. Well, the series is back again this year, but this time you're going to have to worry about the police as much as your closest rival.

Most Wanted sees you getting set up by a rival racer. He nicks your car and starts making a whole load of money thanks to your whip, while you get in trouble with the cops. Revenge will be yours but you'll have to work your way back up the racing 'blacklist' in order to challenge Razor again.

With the police element reintroduced (we haven't really seen it in the series since *Hot Pursuit*) the aim is to really annoy the cops and slowly become the most wanted racer in town. This is the only way to rise up the blacklist and get your revenge.

There are some great moments in *Most Wanted*, and our only problem lies with the cars' handling; they just don't *feel* like cars, and it's a problem that every game in the series seems to have. That said, there's a lot of fun to be had if you're into your modding and street racing. Definitely worth a look.



LOOK AT ALL THE LITTLE PEOPLE!

THE SIMS 2

FORMAT:	MULTIFORMAT
PUBLISHER:	EA
PRICE:	£25-£40
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

EVER WANTED TO play God? Of course you have, and EA's life simulation is the perfect solution for those of you with a craving for power... without any of the responsibility.

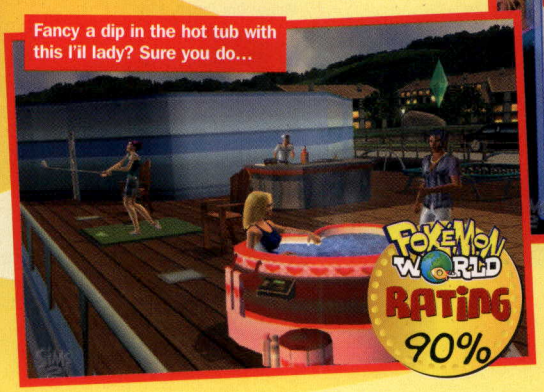
What's most surprising about this game is how much detail there is, the way the characters react and just how much you have to guide them to make them live full and healthy lives. You start off with one character for whom you have to do everything: feed them, dress them, make them go to sleep at the right time, make them take exercise, tell them to go to the toilet... we really mean *everything*. You can tell how they're doing by looking at their stats; these tell you how comfortable they are, how much energy they have and even how in love they are.

In love? Yep, we kid you not, you can even have relationships! In order to do that though you need to go out and meet people. For that you'll need money, and to get money you'll need a job. In order to get a job you'll need to learn the necessary skills... the detail goes on and on. When you do eventually meet someone you can even settle down and start a family. As if it's not enough work looking after one person you then have to do everything for the entire family.

We make it sound like a chore but really it's a deeply involving and amazingly fun game.

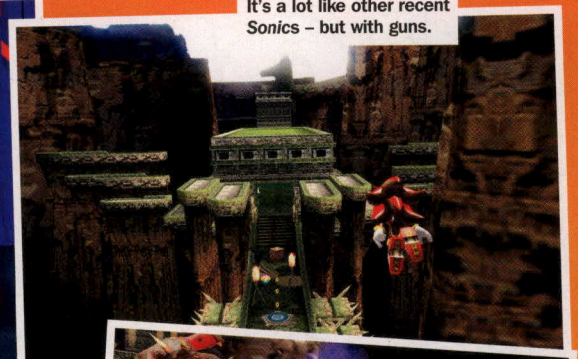
Ahh, the Bacta will soothe her Wampa-related injuries.

Customise your Sims! Create your friends! Get sued!



Fancy a dip in the hot tub with this I'il lady? Sure you do...

Shadow gives us his best 'Hasta La Vista'...



It's a lot like other recent *Sonic*s – but with guns.

SONIC GOES ALL ARNIE ON US...

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

FORMAT:	PS2/GC/XBOX
PUBLISHER:	SEGA
PRICE:	£39.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

WHOA, EVERYONE HOLD up for a second. That's a spelling mistake right there, isn't it? We all know, after all, that Sega's mascot is Sonic... so who's with this Shadow guy? Well it turns out that Sonic is taking a back seat. Ladies and gentlemen, presenting Sega's new, dark and mysterious hedgehog: Shadow.

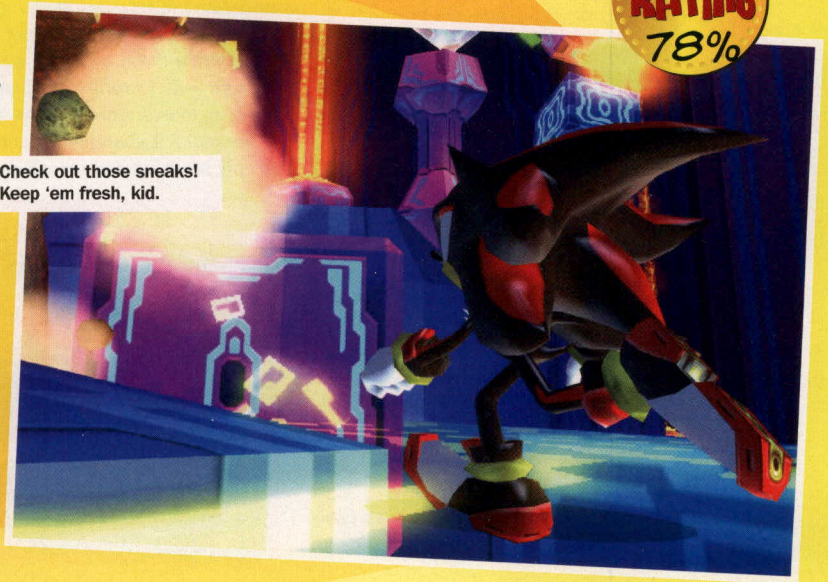
The story goes that Shadow wakes up one day with a massive case of amnesia. He can't remember much of anything from his past life, and all he knows is that this dark being called Black Doom has asked him to collect seven Chaos Emeralds. Shadow isn't too keen at first but apparently these Emeralds will help him regain his memory so he doesn't really have much of a choice. Tsk, typical, isn't it?

You get to choose which direction you go in; do Black Doom's bidding and be an evil hedgehog or join with Sonic and his pals in order to defeat Doom. Depending on the choices you make throughout the course of the game you'll see different levels and meet up with different characters.

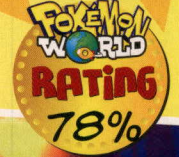
There are two main differences with Shadow. The first is that he tends to glide everywhere. Apparently that's what being 'dark' lets you do. But the biggest difference is that you can equip weapons such as guns, bazookas and swords. These are picked up by smashing crates or by stealing them from enemies. The weapons do run out of ammo, however, so you'll constantly be dropping and picking up new weapons. Other than that, Shadow plays in a similar style to other recent Sonic titles such as *Sonic Heroes* – and that's not necessarily a good thing. It would've been nice to see something a little bit different, and more of the same also means that those dodgy camera angles are back, and they tend to be really disorientating. This problem only sticks its nose in when you stop to shoot enemies, though, and when the action is zipping along at a typically *Sonic* pace the game looks and feels fantastic.

There are so many people who really liked *Sonic Heroes* and, with *Shadow* being very similar albeit with guns, we imagine that this will be very successful as well. On top of that it's the only proper *Sonic* game you're going to be getting for quite a while (the next-gen instalment isn't due for at least a year), so *Sonic* fans really have no choice but to run out there and snap it up.

Yup, there are those guns, all right. How very urban.



Check out those sneaks! Keep 'em fresh, kid.

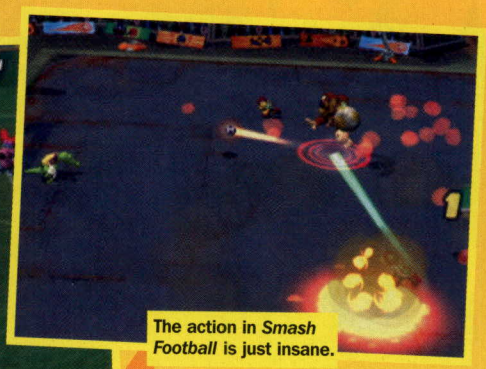


MARIO SMASH FOOTBALL

MARIO AND PALS GET AGGRESSIVE

FORMAT:	GAMECUBE
PUBLISHER:	NINTENDO
PRICE:	£39.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

Bowser destroys the goal with his special!


The action in *Smash Football* is just insane.

NOW THIS IS what *Mario* sports games should be all about. Games like *DDR: Mario Mix* are all well and good, but when we play a sports game with *Mario* characters in it we want it to be fun, fast and arcadey... and that's just what we've got.

The team behind this game is made up of ex-Black Box employees. They're the very same people who made *Sega Soccer Slam*, a fantastic arcade-style soccer game with over-the-top shots and special moves. This is pretty much what *Mario Smash Football* is: *Sega Soccer Slam* with Nintendo characters.

The game is a bit like ice hockey, really. There are no sidelines and the corners are rounded, so play never stops. It's all about creating space, passing and shooting as quickly as you can. The captain of each team can pull off a Hyper Shot, which is a really OTT shot that brings up a swing-o-meter. If you hit the sweet spot you're guaranteed to score.

There are loads of power-ups to use such as red shells, blue shells and Chain Chomps, and there are also pitch-specific traps such as Bowser, who will turn up to toast your players' behinds every now and then just as he does in other Mario-'em-ups.

Mario Smash Football is really fast, aggressive and simple to play. It's great for a multiplayer romp and perfect for killing half an hour here and there.

It's Mazza! Again! In yet another sports title! Yay!

POKÉMON WORLD RATING 88%

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

WHAT'S AT THE BACK OF YOUR WARDROBE?

FORMAT:	PS2
PUBLISHER:	BUENA VISTA
PRICE:	£39.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

THERE ARE A few books that everyone on this planet should have read, and *The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe* is one of them. A bit of a mouthful, but there really is a lion, witch and wardrobe, so what do you expect them to do?

With the film adaptation arriving at Chrimbo it seemed obvious that a game would be in the works, but thankfully it's not anywhere near as bad as your usual film tie-ins. In fact, it's really rather splendiferous! You go up against the evil witch in an epic battle to save Narnia from her grasp. You control the four characters from the story, switching between them at the tap of a button. This element is really important because each character has different abilities, and different combinations will have different results on the game's enemies. Developer Traveler's Tales also brought us the fantastic *Lego Star Wars*, and you can see the similarities in the way you can switch between characters. It's a bit of a mix between *Lego Star Wars* and *Shrek 2*.

Of course, being a film tie-in you get treated to lots of cut-scenes from the film, which is really nice and definitely draws you in. If you're looking for a feelgood, magical adventure that's not too taxing this Christmas, *Narnia* is the perfect game.

POKÉMON WORLD RATING 80%

The game features key scenes from the film.

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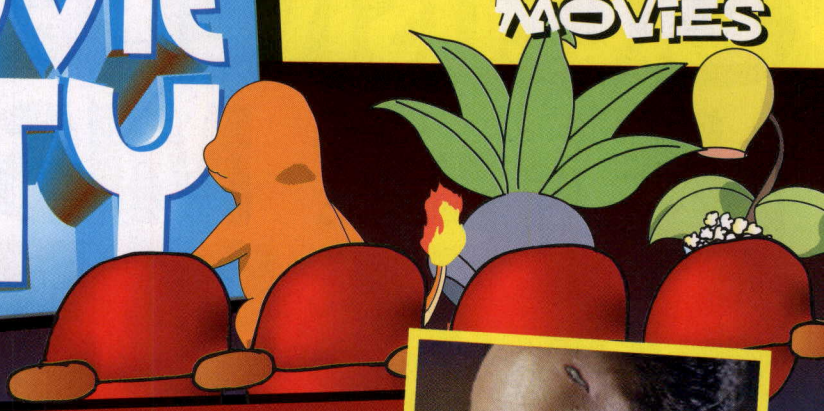

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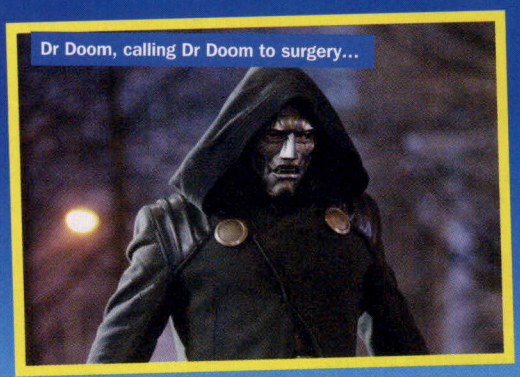
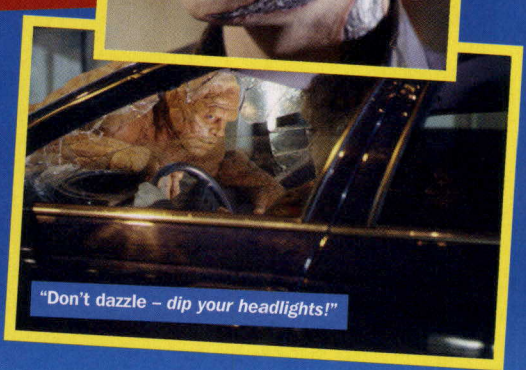


Dr Doom, calling Dr Doom to surgery...

REED RICHARDS, SUE Storm, Johnny Storm and Ben Grimm go into space on a straightforward mission. All is going well until they hit a cloud of cosmic radiation and their lives are forever changed. Now endowed with super powers, the four have to learn to live with not only the responsibility, but also the celebrity of becoming the Fantastic Four! Cue some mind-blowing special effects, witty comebacks and the Human Torch being (funnily enough) really cool.

Julian McMahon does a good job of playing the evil Dr Doom, but it's Michael Chiklis and Chris Evans who really impress as the argumentative Thing and Human Torch respectively.



"Don't dazzle – *dip your headlights!*"

Even the soppy story of the Thing not appreciating his powers doesn't get in the way of the banter between these two, which makes this a real highlight of the film. And the ongoing battle between good and evil's not bad, either.

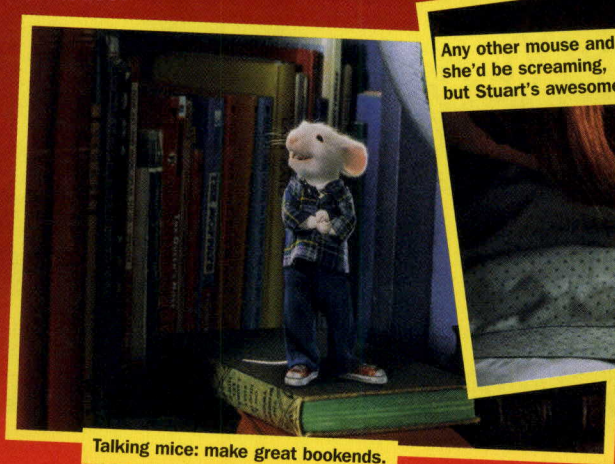
STUART LITTLE

CERTIFICATE .....U
RELEASED .....26 DECEMBER
PRICE £19.99

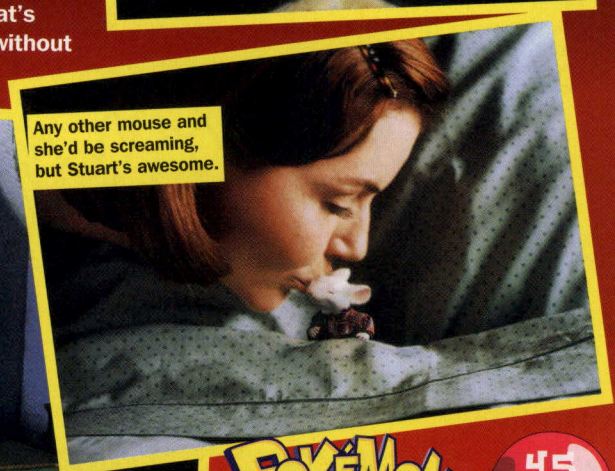
JONATHAN LIPNICKI (THE cute little tyke from *Jerry Maguire*) is a lonely sibling-less kid who longs for a brother to play with. Mum and dad try to oblige him and go to the orphanage to pick up new family member. What they come back with is more – and at the same time less – than expected. Say hello to Stuart Little, the talking mouse with a heart of gold!

Voiced by Michael J Fox, Stuart Little is an endearing fellow, desperate to make a good impression on his new family. Mum and dad are easy to please, but Stuart has to try harder with his new brother. Throw into the mix the hilarious cat, Snowball, voiced by the amazing Nathan Lane, and some marvellous set-pieces that make the most of our rodent hero's diminutive size and you've got an unforgettable children's classic that's fun for the whole family – with or without a mouse!

Aww, how could you turn this little fella away at the door?



Talking mice: make great bookends.



Any other mouse and she'd be screaming, but Stuart's awesome.

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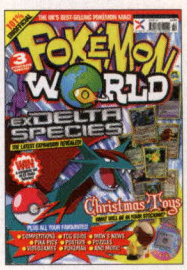

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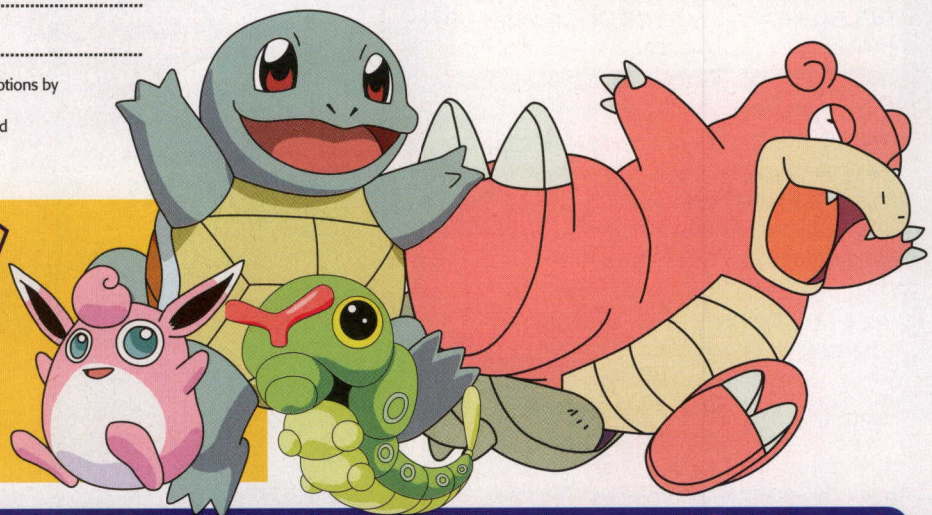

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REVIEWS ROUND-UP

ALL THE BEST Pokémon™

POKÉMON RED/BLUE

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

In September 1999, *Pokémon* arrived in the UK and went on to sell by the bucketload! A small boy is given his first Pokémon by Professor Oak and asked to catch and train all 151 Pokémon to become a Pokémon Master. You must train your monster to fight and then try to outwit the wild Pokémon hiding in long grass and caves.

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
Where it all started. Still fun to play today!

POKÉMON PINBALL

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

You're guaranteed serious fun here! The only down side is that rather than following the ball around the table, the on-screen view flips from the top to bottom, which can make you feel queasy when you're concentrating! The combination of monster catching and addictive action is a sure-fire winner, though – it was certainly a big hit with us!

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
A great play for pinball and Pokéfans alike!

POKÉMON TRADING CARD GAME

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

This game includes all the elements of the Wizards card game. Anyone who has played the Trading Card Game will love this Game Boy version, as it enables you to practise playing cards without damaging your trophies. For other fans this could be a great way to learn how to play, but may not be of great interest to all of you Pokémon trainers!

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
All budding Pokémon trainers need this game!

POKÉMON GOLD/SILVER

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

The follow-ups to the hugely successful *Red*, *Blue* and *Yellow*, these fantastic Game Boy titles introduced a whole new world to the budding Pokémon Master – the land of Johto. Players must travel around, as before, catching and training Pokémon, but with exciting new features such as real-time play.

SCORE 5/5

SUMMING UP:
The king and queen of *Pokémon* games!

POKÉMON YELLOW

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
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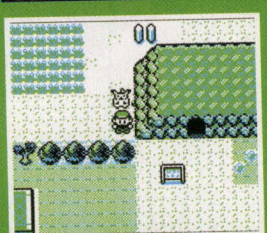

After the success of the cartoon series, Nintendo released this follow-up to the first two games. *Pokémon Yellow* is similar to *Pokémon Red* and *Blue*, only you will receive Pikachu as your very first Pokémon and he will follow you around all the time, like in the cartoon. You will still need to trade to catch 'em all but, other than that, it is almost the same game as *Red* and *Blue*.

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
Nearly the same as *Red* and *Blue*.

POKÉMON COLOSSEUM

FORMAT: GAMECUBE
ISSUE REVIEWED: 38

One of the most awaited games ever finally arrives and was it ever worth the wait! Playing a lot like *Pokémon Stadium* on the N64 but without the mini-games, *Colosseum* features what is quite simply, the best battle system and Story mode ever created. Supporting all 386 monsters of the *Pokémon* world, *Colosseum* also gives you the chance to catch Jirachi himself. It also doesn't hurt to have the best graphics of any *Pokémon* game before it!

SCORE 5/5

SUMMING UP:
Probably the best *Pokémon* game yet!

POKÉMON CRYSTAL

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 04

The latest instalment in the *Pokémon* saga is an alternative edition of *Gold* and *Silver* that is, essentially, the ultimate *Pokémon* GBC game – provided you don't own *Gold* or *Silver*. Anyone who does will find it all strangely familiar! However, little enhancements like animated battle sequences add to the experience and some Pokémon locations and frequencies have changed, meaning Pokémaniacs will still find this Nintendo gem a sparkling little treat!

SCORE 3/5

SUMMING UP:
The last instalment on the GBC is a great way to end the series!

POKÉMON PUZZLE CHALLENGE

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 08

Pokémon on the Game Boy isn't just about collecting monsters and working out in gyms, you know – oh no! This backwards-*Tetris* style game has players busting blocks at manic speed, and is totally and utterly addictive. It's the perfect game to fill the time between bouts of monster battling – but are your fingers fast enough?

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
This version of *Tetris*, the greatest puzzler ever, is great to play!

GAMES REVIEWED!

POKÉMON STADIUM

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 03

The first N64 *Pokémon* game comes with an attachment to connect the console to the Game Boy. The Transfer Pak enables you to upload your very own captured and trained Pokémon and battle them in full 3D on the N64. There are a wide range of cups and challenges to complete and when you are ready you can take on the Gym Leaders. There are nine mini-games too!

SUMMING UP: *Pokémon* looks great with the N64's graphics!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON SNAP

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 03

Pokémon Snap is a highly enjoyable and surprisingly addictive game for the Nintendo 64, which sees you travelling around photographing wild Pokémon in their habitats. Unfortunately, it's completed just a little too easily. On the plus side, though, you have every reason to keep coming back again and again to try to improve your Pokémon pictures!

SUMMING UP: Take photos of all your favourite Pokémon!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON STADIUM 2

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
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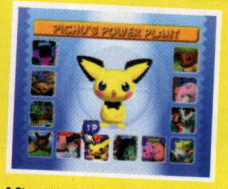

After the storming success of the first *Pokémon Stadium* game, this 3D battlefest has now burst onto the *Pokémon* scene, complete with 249 monsters ready for battle. It follows the same idea as the original, but boasts a whole stack of wacky new features, including new tournaments, brain-busting quizzes and more!

SUMMING UP: A bit too easy, but there's loads of replay value!

SCORE 4/5

HEY YOU, PIKACHU!

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 04

At the end of the day, the idea of talking to Pikachu is something of a letdown. Our yellow pal seems to find it very hard to understand a lot of what you say and the games that you get to play with him are very simple and ultimately rather dull. *Hey You, Pikachu!* is a game that is very novel to begin with, and fun for a while, but it quickly becomes boring.

SUMMING UP: Awkward to play and a bit too 'techie'.

SCORE 3/5

POKÉMON CHANNEL

FORMAT: GAMECUBE
ISSUE REVIEWED: 37

Although this joyous title was stting in the shadow of *Colosseum*, there's no denying that it is certainly one of the most original *Pokémon* videogames of all time! With Pikachu as the main star, the aim of the game is to get the Pokémon TV station up and running. To do this you must play through a whole host of superb mini-games, including Odd One Out, Mareep Farm, Smeargle's Art Study and our personal favourite, Smoochum Shape-Up which sees Pikachu try to burn some calories in front of the telly! It may be similar to the N64's *Hey You, Pikachu!* but there's no denying that this is one brilliant game!

SUMMING UP: A brilliant addition to the Poké-franchise!

SCORE 5/5

POKÉMON PUZZLE LEAGUE

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 05

This N64 *Pokémon* game will have you bashing your joypad frantically in a move-blocks-or-die puzzlefest to end all puzzlefests. Crazily addictive, this *Tetris*-inspired game sparked furious rivalries in the normally mild-mannered *Pokémon World* team, the likes of which haven't been seen since Professor Yew won the egg and spoon race in the office sports day!

SUMMING UP: Incredibly addictive and competitive!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON RUBY/SAPPHIRE

FORMAT: GBA
ISSUE REVIEWED: 29

After all the waiting, *Ruby* and *Sapphire* didn't disappoint. With loads of monsters, two-on-two battles, the new land of Hoenn to explore and many more exciting extras, these are must-have games! So far, only 200 Pokémon are available, but they're all in there somewhere! This is highly recommended for all Pokéfans, and even people who don't like *Pokémon* might change their minds after playing these games!

SUMMING UP: Fantastic! We can't get enough of them!

SCORE 5/5

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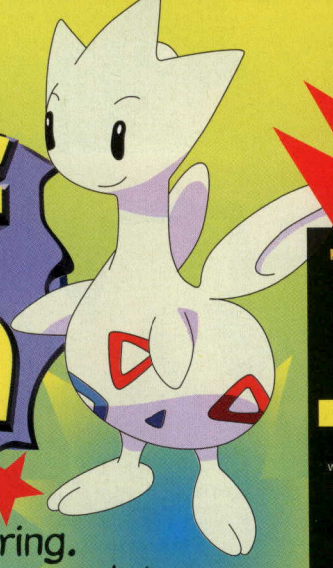

Mewtwo is a very special Pokémon and was created by a mad scientist using DNA engineering. Unfortunately he was unable to control its power and the first Pokémon movie was all about this struggle.

Mewtwo

Evolution: None

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Type: Psychic Height: 6'7" Weight: 269lbs

Special Attack: CONFUSION

DESCRIPTION: Mewtwo is one of the most powerful Pokémon in existence and can be found in the Unknown Dungeon. It is often found motionless, reserving all his energy for upcoming battles. Its cold, glowing eyes strike fear into all opponents so approach with caution.

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